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The Big Three Send An Invitation To Russia TALKS PROPOSED

Chinese Troops Reported In Indo-China

Hanoi, Indo-China, Dec. 22.

The Chinese Communists were reported on Friday to have entered the Indo-Chinese civil war on the side of the native rebels. Informed sources said they did not have definite proof that the Chinese had crossed to Indo-China, but they said Chinese were "probably" fighting beside the Vietminh rebel forces which threaten to outflank the extreme right end of the French line in Tonkin province, on the border of Communist China.

The informants said French troops may have to give up their positions on their exposed right flank, despite assurances from General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, the French commander in Indo-China, that there would be no more withdrawals.—United Press.

SITUATION CALM

Saigon, Dec. 22. A French military spokesman has described the situation over the whole Cochinchina as calm. Franco-Vietnam forces have carried out mop-up operations in North Vietnam against guerrillas and filtrations of Vietminh troops outside the delta. The Vietminh forces seemed interested only in the Haiphong area in which they launched all but unsuccessful night attacks on various French posts, the military spokesman said.—Reuters.

New British Novelty

New York, Dec. 22. American housewives are trying out a novel import from Britain—vacuum sweepers that run without electricity. The sweeper runs on four rubber wheels which operate independent ball bearing boxes to activate brush and cleaning mechanisms. —Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Landlords And Tenants

GOVERNMENT has displayed commendable enterprise in drawing up legislation designed to bring a stop to many of the abuses to which landlords, owning newly-built domestic property, have been subjecting hapless tenants. Timely too are some of the revisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, several of which go some way toward reducing hardships which have to be borne by landlords as well as tenants. The Tenancy (Prolonged Duration) Ordinance which has recently been drafted and gazetted for the first time yesterday is an intelligent attempt to offer much needed protection to people who, while able and willing to pay out premiums for new flats, are still victimised by unscrupulous landlords or their agents. The objects and reasons of the new Bill explicitly refer to the "racket" which has been practised for some time past. It follows this pattern: a "construction" or other type of premium is first levied against the tenant, and an understanding reached that there would be no eviction, but nevertheless lacking any legally binding agreement securing the tenant against eviction for a definite period. Then, when the tenant has fulfilled his part of the agreement and moved in, either the original landlord or some subsequent purchaser of the property decides the rent has to be increased, and if the tenant is unwilling to submit to this inuring, he is evicted. The protection which the new Bill proposes to offer to such tenants is to give legal status to these tenancy agreements until the Governor in Council decides that any implied agreement has ceased to apply. Tenants who are subjected to these implied agreements may not feel the new legislation goes far enough to safeguard their interests, but it is at least a move in the

Seasonal Greetings

This being the last issue of the China Mail before the holidays, the Editor and his staff take the opportunity of extending to readers the wish that they will spend a happy Christmas and enjoy a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Charged With Two Murders

Found Not Guilty Of The First

Sydney, Dec. 22. A Jury in the Central Criminal Court here today acquitted William Birtle, a 25-year-old fisherman, of having murdered Kathleen Holmes, aged 11, one of the two English sisters found dead at Tounley, northern New South Wales, on August 29.

Immediately after the acquittal, Birtle was charged with the murder of the girl's sister, Grace Dorothy Holmes, aged 18, and remained by the same court until March next year.

The girls, whose battered bodies were found in a lakeside swamp at Tounley, had emigrated from Dagenham, Essex, with their parents five months before. During the eight day trial, Birtle denied knowledge of the murders.

Birtle, who pleaded not guilty to the new charge today, was refused bail.—Reuters.

Red Cross Aid For Korea

Geneva, Dec. 22. The Red Cross Societies of the free world have contributed nearly US\$1,000,000 (£355,000) of civilian relief in Korea during the past three months, the League of Red Cross Societies announced here today.

The relief included medicines, clothing and the services of medical and welfare personnel.—Associated Press.

TALKS PROPOSED

London, Dec. 22. The United States, Britain and France sent a Christmas-time invitation to Russia on Friday to join the four-power talks aimed at getting to the root of the friction between Communism and democracy.

Identical notes from the three powers were delivered in Moscow, suggesting that the representatives of the four nations in the United Nations make preliminary arrangements for a full-dress meeting of their foreign ministers—the first since the June 1949 Paris conference.

The Big Three said the talk should cover every area of conflict around the world. In that firm stand they rejected in effect the Soviet Note of November 3 which called for four-power meetings limited to the topic of Germany and her rearmament.

But the Note was very moderate in language, and at the outset it made it clear the three nations were inspired by a genuine desire to put an end to the existing international tension and will spare no effort to achieve so high a standard.

Devising a live and let live agreement between Communist nations and the democratic world.

The Big Three labelled "entirely false" allegations contained in the Soviet document of November 3, which included a communiqué issued after the meeting of Cominform nations in Prague in October.—United Press.

UN Forces Hold On Tightly

Hungnam, Dec. 22. United Nations forces today held their tiny perimeter round encircled Hungnam port, as navy and marine fighters, working in close support with artillery batteries, pounded everything moving in the surrounding hills.

Frontline troops today gave full credit for the Communist inactivity to the combined services round the clock bombing, strafing, rocketing, burning and shelling.

The Communists made minor probes twice at the perimeter in the last 24 hours. They were beaten back by accurate artillery fire with more than one hundred Korean left dead around the ground in front of the perimeter.

Frontline troops, questioned today, said they had not contacted Chinese Communists during the last five days. However, intelligence sources indicated that Chinese Communists were near the recently held city of Hamhung, six miles west.

NIGHT-LONG BARRAGE
A handful of American and Puerto Rican troops on the northwestern sector held back a Communist attack which lasted from midnight until dawn. They called for artillery fire as the Communists approached their lines.

BATTERIES IN THE CENTRE
Batteries in the centre of Hungnam, three miles away, put down a night-long barrage of heavy shells, sometimes within a hundred yards of the American positions.

Among the dead littering the battlefield was a North Korean peasant woman, who had been carrying ammunition.

The North Koreans attacked, shouting and whooping like Red Indians.

On the northeastern sector, artillery dispersed a night-long attack, leaving behind 20 Korean dead. Frontline officers thought that the toll of the enemy dead would be much higher because the North Koreans carry their dead from the battlefield.

North Korean dead, found today had been carrying apples, cooked rice and millet—enough to last them five days.—Reuters.

6 MIGS SHOT DOWN

Tokyo, Dec. 22. The Far East Air Force Headquarters announced today that six Russian-made MiG jets were shot down late on Friday by Far East Air Force F-84 Sabre jets in the biggest battle of the Korean conflict.

The Headquarters said that no loss or damage was suffered by the Far East Air Force fighters.

David Low Sends Us His Christmas Card



Conditions In Favour Of Good England First Innings Score

(FROM BRUCE HARRIS)

STOP PRESS

Early Disasters

For England

England made a dismal start in their first innings against the Australian score of 194 when the second Test was resumed at Melbourne this morning.

With 11 runs on the board Simpson, who opened the innings with Washbrook, was caught by Ian Johnson in the slips off Miller. Simpson had scored four.

The Notts batsman was never comfortable, especially against the pace bowling of Miller, who had a very confident blow appeal from his third ball negatived.

To everyone's surprise Miller opened the attack with Lindwall on what appeared to be an easier wicket than yesterday. But Miller made the ball fly quite a bit and kept Simpson guessing.

Dewes joined Washbrook and they took the total to 33 when the young Cambridge undergraduate was caught by Miller off Bill Johnston. Dewes contributed eight.

Washbrook had played quiet and very correct cricket during these disasters and he was then joined by Hutton.

Five runs were added by this pair and then Washbrook stepped in front of a straight one from Lindwall—38 for 3, after one hour of play.

Hutton was then two not out and Parkhouse one not out.

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HK Cargoes To Be Freed

Mr Ralph H. Hunt, US Consul for Economic Affairs in Hong Kong said today that he was advising operators of US flag vessels now en route to Hong Kong to free up for immediate delivery for consignees certain cargoes of a non-strategic character which will enter the domestic economies of Hong Kong and Macau, and which will consequently be exported.

Decisions governing the disposition of other cargoes will be made as speedily as possible.

Berlin, Dec. 22. Major-General Bourne, British commandant in Berlin, said today that the danger of Berlin becoming the flashpoint of world war three had completely disappeared.

Reviewing Berlin's political and economic development in 1950, General Bourne told correspondents that he was completely confident that West Berlin would never become Communist.

"There is not the slightest risk of that," he said. "Berlin is since Korea, only a small cog in the big machine of western and Soviet relationships."

The following week saw a series of steady advances in all fields, particularly economic. Successive

Chinese Reds Get Cotton

Washington, Dec. 22. About 25,000 tons of American cotton including some from a government agency, have been shipped to Communist China and Manchuria since the Korean fighting started. Senator John Williams (Republican, Delaware) told the Senate today.

The United States Government recently banned all shipments to Communist China.

Senator Williams said yesterday: "This cotton has been exported from this country to China, not only with the full knowledge of the administration,

Gascoigne Leaves

London, Dec. 22. The British envoy to Japan, Sir Alvery Gascoigne, left London today by air for Japan after consultations at the British Foreign Office.—Reuters.

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Your Radio Listening For Next Week In Details—A "China Mail" Feature

Radio Hongkong Sends Christmas Greetings To All Its Listeners

As in previous years, His Majesty the King will speak to his peoples in all parts of the world on Christmas Day from his study at Sandringham House. Radio Hongkong will be relaying his Christmas message at 11.00 o'clock Hongkong Time on Christmas night and it will be broadcast again at 11.30 a.m. on Boxing Day. At 10 p.m., immediately before His Majesty's broadcast on Christmas Day, will come the BBC's now traditional 'round-the-world' programme.

Another Christmas message comes at 11.45 p.m. on the same evening—from the Archbishop of Canterbury, who recorded this especially for overseas listeners during his visit to Christchurch Cathedral in the Province of Canterbury, New Zealand, which is celebrating its centenary this year.

On Christmas afternoon, from 3.40 to 5.00 o'clock listeners will be able to hear recordings from the great oratorio by Handel, "The Messiah." The soloists in this work will include such well-known vocalists as Gladys Ripley, Isobel Baillie, James Johnston, and Norman Walker, supported by the Huddersfield Choral Society under Herbert Bardgett. The Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra will be conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.

'Answer This—or the Quizmasters' Quiz—five of the BBC's noteworthy Quizmasters put each other 'on the spot,' with John Snagge maintaining order from the Chair, at 9.30 on Wednesday evening. This promises to be an unusual and highly entertaining relay from London.

(Broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band).



12.00 Hongkong Calling. Programme Summary. CRICKET SCORES OF END TEST MATCH. 12.12 NIGHT VARIETY. With Bill and Bob Crosby and the Andrews Sisters. 1.00 STUDIO: THE FRIED CARPION QUARTET. 1.15 WEATHER REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. 1.20 ORCHESTRAL SELECTIONS. RESUME OF THE 2ND TEST MATCH. 1.30 MUSIC PROGRAMMES. 2.05 I'MUCH BINDING IN THE MARCH. With Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne. 2.30 STUDIO: "AMERICAN PATBOY." Presented by John David. 3.00 STUDIO: "HOSPITAL REQUESTS." Presented by "Amber." 4.00 THE ODD STORY OF SIMON ONCE. By Letty Powell. Episode 6: "Concerto for Coda." 4.30 STUDIO: "FORCED CHOICE." Presented by Ivor York. 5.00 RUGBY FOOTBALL. POLICE NEWS. 6.00 FROM THE CLUB GROUP. 5.30 BOSTON PROMENADE. OIL CHESTIN.

Oboe—Overture (Weber); Mediation (From "Tannhauser"); Prelude in C Sharp Minor; No. 3 (Rachmaninoff); Waltz from "The Sleeping Beauty"; Ballet (Tchaikovsky); Adagio—Ballet Suite (Verdi). 6.00 Hongkong Calling. Programme Summary. CLOSING SCORE OF 2ND TEST MATCH. England v Australia. 6.02 STUDIO: "UNIT REQUESTS." Linda Carter. Calling-in 13.00. 7.00 WORLD NEWS AND NEWS ANALYSIS (LONDON RELAY). 7.15 B STUDIO: "SATURDAY HOUSE." 7.16 VARIETY BANDBOX. With George Moon; The Five Smith Brothers; Alan Cleve; Trois and His Mandolins; Rex Dixon; Comper; Philip Stoen; Billy Tipton and His Orchestra. 7.17 8.00 "FROM THE EDITORIALS" (LONDON RELAY). 8.10 "SOUTHERN SHRENADE"—A PROGRAMME OF CONTINUOUS MUSIC. Pierrot (Chamberlin); Royal Artillery Orch; Habanera and Vauquois' Song (Victor Herbert) and Harry Horlick and His Orch.; Tango Bolero (Lamb); Southern Von Geery and His Orchestra; (Kunek); Barnabas Von Geery and Orch; Spanish Dance Suite (A. Collins); Malaguena; Habanera; Asturiana; Jota—New Concerto; Vivaldi; Violin, Flaco. 8.30 LONDON STUDIO: 10.00 MELODIES. Robert Farnon and His Orchestra, with Denny Vaughan and Pauline. Shadow Waltz; Hora Staccato; The Moment I saw you; At the Dark Town Strutters Ball; So wild I; Little Jack Frost; get lost; How beautiful is this young man; I'm not your boy; I'm not your girl. 9.00 "THE ADVENTURES OF RICHARD HANNAY." By John Buchan. Episode 5: The Thirty-nine Steps. 9.30 "COMPOSER OF THE WEEK" RAVEL. Pavane for a Dead Infante; Symphony Orchestra (Handel); "Cuckoo and the Nightingale" (from Concerto No. 13 for Organ and Orch.)—Maurice Ravel; "The Enchanted Lamp," Piano; "Scherzo" (Liszt); Flute (from "Scherzo")—Rene Walter, Soprano; "La Vie Qui Va," with Piano accompaniment; first movement; "Danse Espagnole"; first movement; "Tango" (from "Concierto de Aranjuez" of Amsterdam); conducted by Eduard van Beinum. Interlude. Canzonetta (D' Ambrosio); Alfred Campbell & Son (London RELAY). 10.15 WEATHER REPORT. "CANARY AND DANCE MUSIC." Just one of those things—Foxitn (Guitar); Sid Phillips and His Orch; Vocal; Johnny Kastor; The Big Do (Krupa); Otto Krupa and His Orchestra; The Philips; You're a Winner; Jim Allen; You are my sunshine (McKenzie); Bill Croft; Lost in Meditation; Slow Train (Horn); Mervyn Morris; Under Creek; Vocal; Mervyn Morris; Under Creek; Vocal; Mervyn Morris; (McKenzie); New York City.

4.45 THE FIRST NOWELL. Sung by The Fleet Street Singers. Introduced by Alec Robertson. 5.00 STUDIO: "HOME REQUESTS" PRESENTED BY "AMBER." 5.15 STUDIO: CALLING PROGRAMME SUMMER. 5.35 "KING AVENGERSLAS"—A XMAS PLAY. Written and Produced by Edward P. Simon; Music by Charles Williams. With John Stephen, Florence Desmond, Arthur Askey; Narrator; Frank Phillips with Orchestra, conducted by Charles Williams. 5.45 6.00 "CHRISTMAS BELL" (LONDON RELAY). 6.20 STUDIO: SERVICES EVENING SONG. Conducted by Roy H. Penhaligon. 7.00 WORLD NEWS AND NEWS ANALYSIS (LONDON RELAY). 7.15 STUDIO: "LOOKING AHEAD." A Review of the Week's Programmes. 7.30 DENNIS MUSIC (CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME DOUBLE AMERICA). Poco—Pase Double (Arditti)—New Concert Orchestra; Borodin—Mozart; Haydn—His Orchestra; The Scottish Guards; (Bridgewater); London Philharmonic Orchestra; (Eric Coates); Concert Orchestra; Les Sinfonietta; (Cubans)—New Concert Orchestra; (John Brinkley); Suite (Howard Carri); London Promenade Orchestra. 8.00 SONG FROM OPERA. By Joan Hammond (Soprano). Depuis Je Joue (from "Louise the Charpentier"); Lovely Man (from "Bohemian Girl"); La Boheme"; Puccini; (from David Lloyd (Tenor); Mimì Fairwell (from "La Boheme"); Puccini); Joan Hammond; Oh my beloved father (from "Gianni Schicchi"); (from "Gianni Schicchi"). 8.15 JOHN GALSWORTHY. (Dramatised as a Serial by Murj Levy).

Part 5. 8.45 HONGKONG "FROM CONCERT" (CONTINUOUS). Concerto in D Major; Op. 77 (Brahms); Jasha Heifetz (Violin); Boston Symphony Orchestra; conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham; in E Flat; Op. 60 (Beethoven)—Sir Thomas Beecham, conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra; Interlude.

Prelude and Fugue No. 3 in C sharp Major; "Tib." Well-Tempered Clavier—Book 1 (Bach)—Rosalyn Tureck; Piano.

10.15 WEATHER REPORT. 10.16 "THE CHRISTMAS CHILD." A Mother Nativity Play by D. G. Bridson.

Cards Sung by the Dorset Singers.

11.00 SYMPHONY FOR STRINGS. Gerald and His String Orchestra; Won't you buy my sweet lavender? (from "Gianni Schicchi"); (from "Gianni Schicchi"). Church Bells on Sunday morning; Slow Fox Trot (Fain)—Paul Adam and His Mayfair Music; Vocal: Rita Williams; Opus No. 1—(from "Oliver!"). Turn, Turn, Turn; My Orch; Will you always call me sweetheart?—Waltz (Watson)—Harry Roy and Orch.

11.15 "GOODNIGHT MUSIC."

Rudolph Dolmetsch; Of all the Birds (from "Madrigal") (Bartlett).

12.00 MIDNIGHT WEATHER REPORT. GOD SAVE THE KING. CLOSE DOWN.

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A SEAT IN THE STALLS

MOVIE MOGULS DON'T FEEL AS DISTRESSED AS THEY DID A YEAR AGO

Says Harold Conway

You recall that Hollywood economy cry a year ago? The distressing accounts of studio chiefs being down to their last limousine apiece, stars renting out their swimming pools, production budgets cut in half?

Christmas in London's West End cinemas brings some interesting sequels to that money-saving campaign:

HARVEY, with James Stewart playing stooge to the rabbit. Authoress Mary Chase received £250,000 for the screen rights, a further £1,000,000 has been spent on the production—though how with so simple a story, I cannot imagine.

SAMSON AND DELILAH, in the persons of Victor Mature and Hedy Lamarr. Producer Cecil B. DeMille ("You can make a picture from any sixty pages of the Bible") has applied the customary touch to his 68th film—to the tune it is rumoured of £750,000.

CINDERELLA, in Walt Disney's cartoon version. Six years to make cost not less and probably more, than £750,000.

We shall have to wait well beyond Christmas to see the re-make of QUO VADIS (£1,000,000). But the combined cost of this film quartet would finance Pinewood and Elstree for two years.

1951 CHALLENGE

For British producers nowadays, a picture costing more than £150,000 is considered daring; anything over £200,000 counts as extravagance.

Will brains and artistry do the trick, in default of big money? Can a keen-witted David Lean, for instance, com-

BING CROSBY AND BOB HOPE,

HOLLYWOOD REPORTS, are about to start on their sixth "Road"

PICTURE—the Road to Paris. But the news makes no mention of their faithful co-star on the previous journeys.

What, no Dottie—after all that stooging for the comics on the highways to Singapore, Zanzibar, Morocco, Utopia and Rio?

Bing and Bob deserve to have

their dreams plagued by pickets of film (and Palladium) fans bearing the banner: "UNFAIR TO LAMOUR."

HISEN—AND ICE

My salutations, in closing, to

25-year-old Belita—Nether Wallop's own skating star, who

has expanded her parish, and

returns to England with a rich American accent.

Last year Belita was acting

Shakespeare across the Atlantic;

this past summer she played

Tchekov (The Cherry Orchard)

with Charles Laughton in Los

Angeles. This Christmas she

will skate the role of Robin

Hood on ice at the Empress

Hall. Next year, so she tells

me without batting an eyelid,

Hedda Gabler is on her pro-

gramme.

Neither wallop, Hampshire

parish of 7301 acres: population

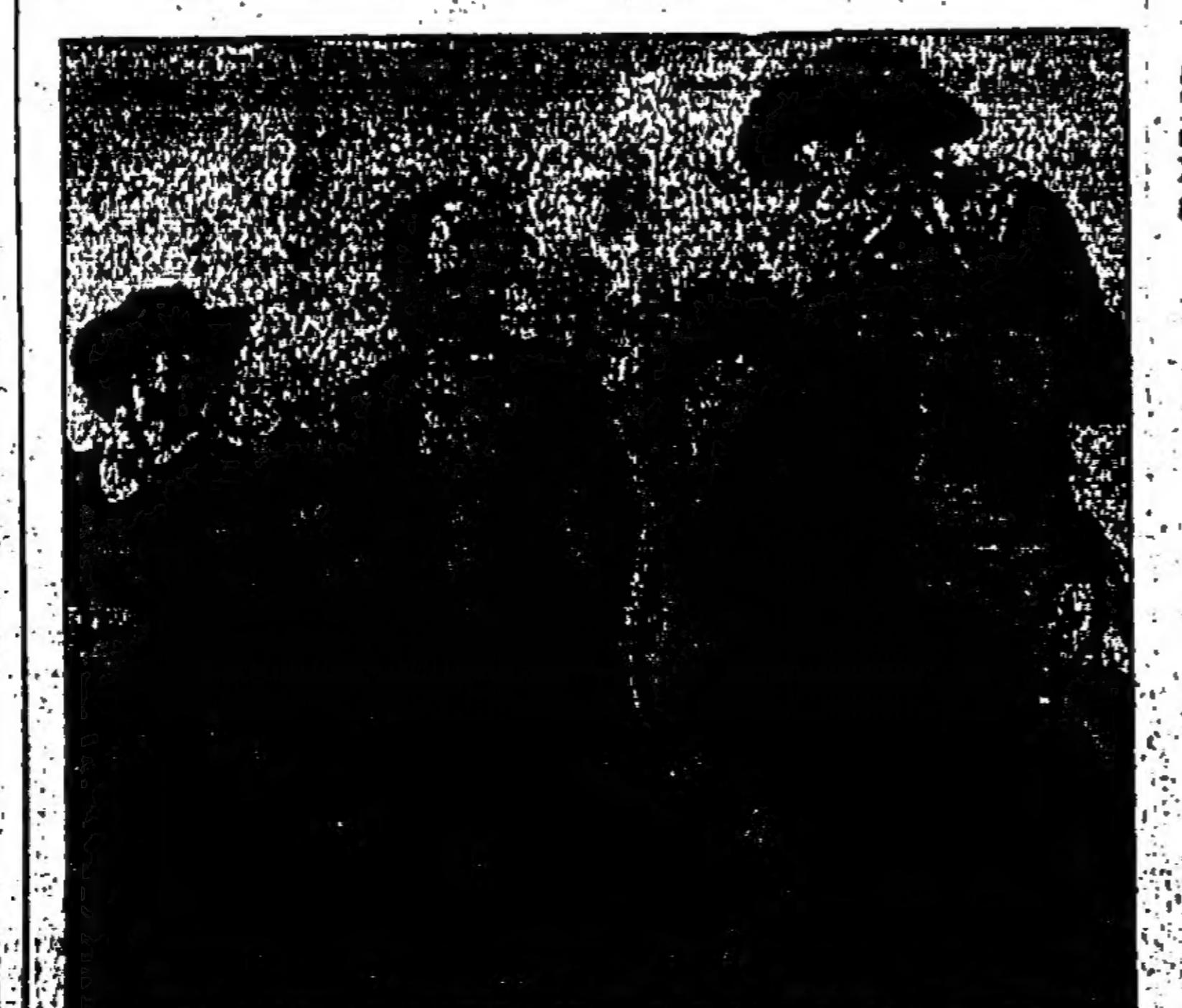
610 at last census.

(London Express Service)

Screen Fare At Christmas



"Africa Screams" at the KING'S Theatre involves both in the soup.



Mary Ann
Sherry Jackson

The Bunion Derby Era Is Now Old History

By CARLISLE JONES

Few film fans know how And that's where the stand-up it is that movie love comes in.

For \$13 and some odd cents a day, he or she, or both, literally stand-in for the players involved in the clinching, while the lights and the cameras are focused on the furniture rearranged, and the director figures out just how he wants his romancers to operate.

Until stand-ins first came along, some years ago, movie clinches were mighty hard on the feet, and were often called "bunion derbies," and most of the screen's most famous wool pitchers had fallen arches.

There have been other improvements down through the years, as well. Lipstick that doesn't crock off and leave tell-tale marks on other players' chins and cheeks is one.

A baby spot light which can be focused close on the lovers' faces to register emotion and eliminate unnatural shadows, is another.



"Girl of the Year," showing at the LEE and LIBERTY Theatres, appeared on American screens as "The Petty Girl." It is the story of that glamourous Calendar Girl born of the genius of George Petty.

Joan Caulfield plays the role of the original Petty Girl and Robert Cummings is George Petty. All the Petty Girls are in Technicolor.

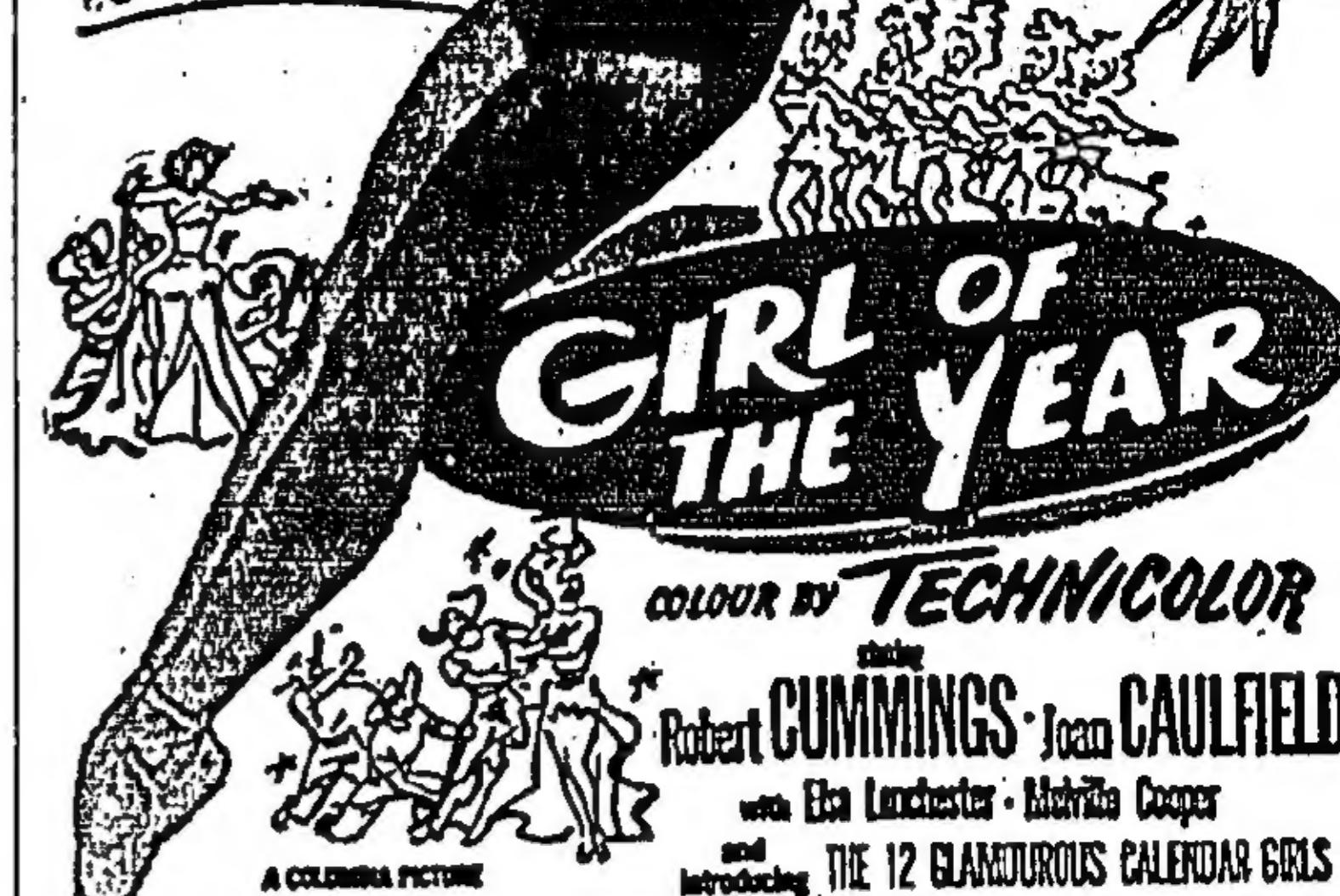


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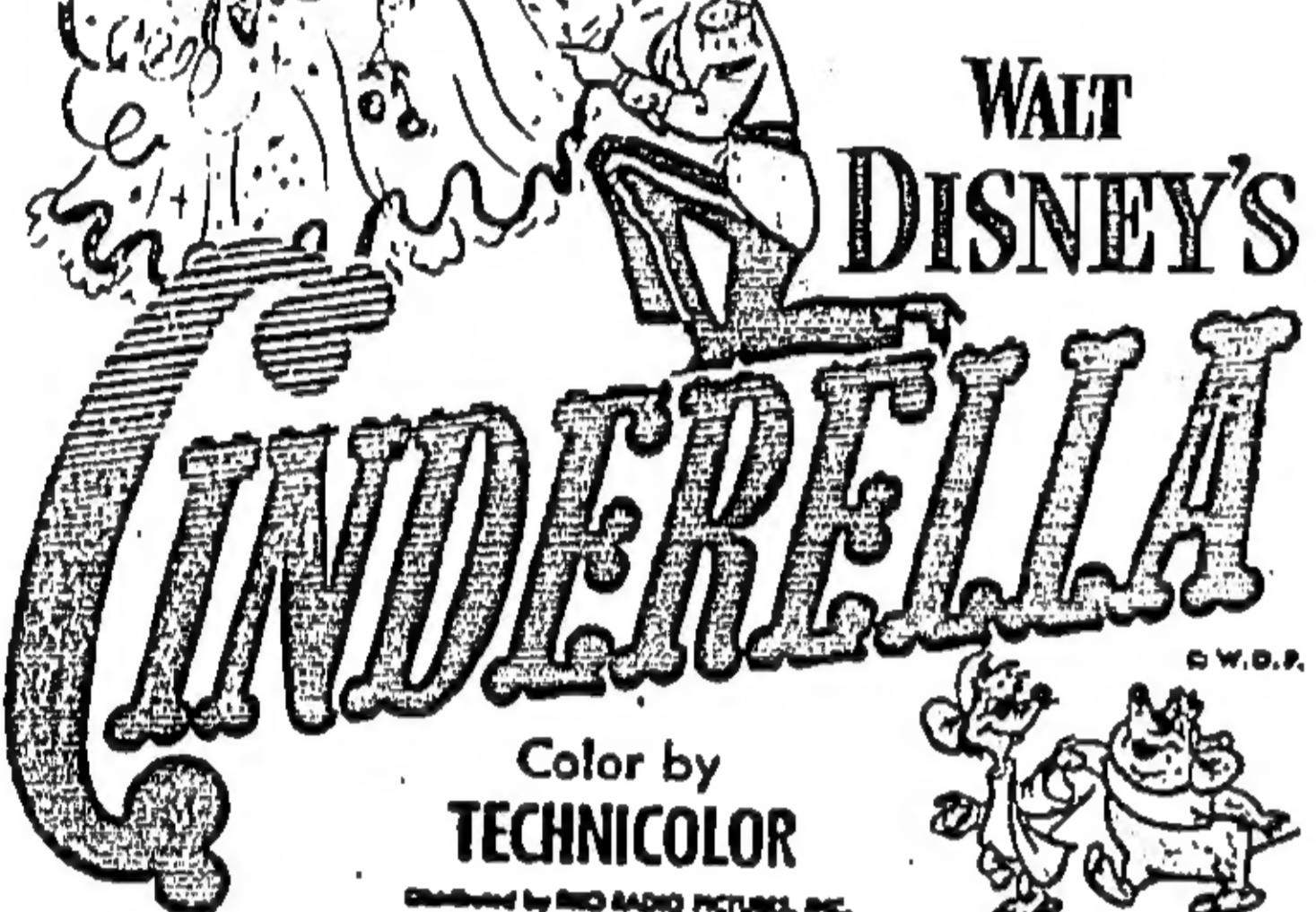
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WHY WAS THE LESLIE HOWARD PLANE SHOT DOWN?

A seven-year-old mystery solved

by . . . SIDNEY RODIN

IN a hundred and ten words Mr Winston Churchill has just solved the mystery of seven-year-old air crash in which 17 people were killed, including Leslie Howard, the film star.

The mystery began on the morning of June 1, 1943, on the tarmac at Lisbon airport. A twin-engine civil airliner with a Dutch crew of four stood ready to take off for London.

It was a regular service for non-military passengers from a neutral country. The service had always been permitted by the Germans; it brought the morning papers from London for their embassy in Lisbon.

THIRTEEN passengers boarded the plane. There was the usual group of onlookers—officials, diplomatic representatives, and foreign agents.

At 9.30 a.m. it took off and headed over the Bay of Biscay. Then, three hours later, for no apparent reason, the airliner was shot down by the Nazis. No wreckage was found. None of the bodies was washed ashore.

Many questions were asked.

Why was the Luftwaffe so interested in this plane on its normal civil route?

Was the plane carrying Allied plans for the next move after the German defeat in North Africa?

Or were the Germans merely anxious to assassinate Leslie Howard, who had just completed a successful anti-German propaganda mission in Spain and Portugal?

Planned

Off all the theories the assassination of Leslie Howard gained most belief. It was the one always accepted by Ronald Howard, the actor's son.

Ronald Howard declared: "My father's death was deliberately planned by the Germans."

"They were angry over the damage my father did to the propaganda work they had carefully carried out in the Iberian Peninsula."

Leslie Howard himself grimly underlined this apparent truth just before he left Britain in April 1943.

A sculptor was modelling his portrait bust. The film star told him it was more like his death mask, for Howard had a premonition of early death.

Now at last the mystery has been cleared up. The key to it is the late Mr Alfred T. Chenhalls, wealthy income-tax expert, of Chancery Lane, London.

His cigars

FOR many years Alfred Chenhalls was chuffed because he looked like Winston Churchill. He smoked six-and-a-half inch double Corona cigars like Mr Churchill.

He had the same pink, cherubic face. He wore black bowler hats.

He went to Marienbad every year before the war to reduce the portliness of his figure, but he still looked like Mr Churchill.

Alfred Chenhalls didn't mind the chaff because Churchill was his hero.

Never could he imagine, however, that he was to die on the morning of June 1, 1943, at the age of 43, because he was so much Mr Churchill's double.

He was one of the 13 travellers on that Lisbon-London plane.

Chenhalls, brilliant chartered accountant, numbered among his clientele celebrities of film and theatre. He was likable. James Agate wrote of him

"He was the gayest man I ever met."

But, more important to the Government, Chenhalls was an authority on foreign income tax. He had been wounded in the first world war, and he was now working for the Treasury.

Chenhalls had flown out to Sir Samuel Hoare, our Ambassador in Madrid, on a confidential mission. It was merely coincidental—and a good cover—that he was returning with Leslie Howard, who happened to be one of his clients.

The name

AT the airport two German agents kept watch, alerted by the news that Churchill was due to fly back to Britain from Algiers.

The agents took one look at the passenger list. They saw the name of CHENHALLS—not so unlike CHURCHILL to a German.

They saw a somewhat corpulent figure on the tarmac, wearing a belted blue melton overcoat and black bowler. The man was chubby-cheeked, jovial—and smoking a long cigar.

It was Chenhalls. He loved good things. He bought his hats in Old Bond Street, his overcoats from the King's tailor, and his cigars from the shop in St. James's Street often patronised by Churchill.

Vigilant

LAST week, in his war memoirs which have just been serialised, Mr Churchill wrote of that fateful plane journey:

"If he could have thought he was aiding Mr Churchill's safe return by misleading the enemy, I don't think he would have minded the manner of his dying."

—(London Express Service)



Leslie Howard . . . now the truth is known

In his pocket was a soft leather case full of cigars as big as the one he smoked.

But to the Nazis the well-set-up cigar-puffer looked very much like the Englishman they feared most of all.

Was it conceivable? Was his travel by commercial airliner a subterfuge?

They overlooked, or did not notice, that this smiling air traveller was younger and taller than Britain's war leader.

The Germans took no chances. A message was flashed through to the High Command.

Three hours later the airliner sent its last signal: "We are being attacked by several enemy planes."

Next news came from the German High Command. It issued a statement that its reconnaissance planes had shot down a transport aircraft over the Atlantic.

When men of the Dorsetshire Regiment entered Hamburg in May 1945 they found at the German air headquarters a report confirming that five Heinkels had destroyed the machine from Lisbon.

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"Eden and I flew home together by Gibraltar. As my presence in North Africa had been fully reported, the Germans were exceptionally vigilant, and this led to a tragedy which much distressed me."

"The regular commercial aircraft was about to start from the Lisbon airfield when a thick-set man smoking a cigar walked up and was thought to be a passenger on it. The German agents therefore signalled that I was on board. Although these neutral passenger planes piled unmolested for many months between Portugal and England and had carried only civilian traffic, a German war plane was instantly ordered out and the defenceless aircraft was ruthlessly shot down."

Mr Churchill concluded:

"Thirteen civilian passengers perished, and among the well-known British film actor Leslie Howard, whose grace and gifts are still preserved for us by the records of the many delightful films in which he took part. The brutality of the Germans was only matched by the stupidity of their agents. It is difficult to understand how anyone could imagine that with all the resources of Great Britain at my disposal I should have booked a passage in a neutral plane from Lisbon and flown home in broad daylight. We, of course, made a wide loop out by night from Gibraltar to the ocean, and arrived home without incident."

One of two

MR CHURCHILL knew why the plane was attacked long before most people. Three years after the tragedy, Mrs Churchill met Alfred Chenhalls's widow at a dinner.

"It was dreadful how you lost your husband," said Mrs Churchill.

"If one of our husbands had to go," replied Mrs Gwendolyn Chenhalls, "England could best spare mine."

Mr Ronald Howard said to me: "I felt certain the Nazis meant to kill my father, but I am bound to accept Mr Churchill's explanation."

And the last word came from Mrs Chenhalls at her London flat: "Perhaps if Alfred had not been so fond of cigars both he and Leslie Howard would have been alive today. But there is one consolation about Alfred's death.

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A race is on to test if 'everyone loves' THE MAN IN CELL 9

by W. A. Crumley

ACCRA. In unsleeping Accra the dance bands and juke-box taverns are blaring at full volume, the current hit tune of Africa's Gold Coast.

It is a samba-like dance number labelled on the juke-box list as "Everybody Likes Kwame Nkruma."

"Everybody" is lyric-writer's licence, for I found Kwame Nkruma in Cell No.

9 of the whitewashed prison fort perched over Accra Harbour. He was moodily stripping weavers' cane in the hard-labour workshops.

Nkruma (pronounce his name *Nek-ro-mah*) was one of The Six Ambitious Men who attempted to seize power on the Gold Coast in the riots of February 1948.

He was leader of the clumsy and contradictorily named "Positive Action, Non-Violence, Self-Government Now" general strike which collapsed after ten days.

Sedition . . .

NKRUMA'S crime was sedition in an attempt to anticipate British plans to give a form of self-government to the Gold Coast.

For as the barefoot Nkruma stirs through his barbed but glassless jail windows, the Gold Coast is beginning its first general election campaign. I flew into Accra on one of the hottest days of the year to solve the Gold Coast riddle: How powerful can a convict be when voting is going on outside?

The object of the ballot—which takes place in January—is to give the Gold Coast a popularly elected Assembly, the first of its kind in Colonial Africa.

£50 deposits . . .

THE election will be a fight between Nkruma's Convention People's Party and the moderates.

WHERE THERE'S SMOKE . . .

by BILLY ROSE

YESTERDAY, at one of those cocktail parties where only pedigreed olives are used in the Martinis, I met a movie actress who used to dance in one of my chorus lines back in the '30s.

"Glad you're doing so well," I said. "You've really gone places since the days when you made a fast 40 a week."

"Have I changed much?" she asked, lighting a gold-tipped cigarette.

"Well, for one thing," I said, "you never used to smoke gold tipped ciggies."

"Matter of fact I started smoking them while I was working at your club," said the actress. "One of your customers introduced me to them."

"Boy friend?"

"Yes, if a man in his 50's can be called a boy. Remember Big Joel?"

"The oil fella?"

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"That's the one," said the star. "Know something? I probably would be married to him today if not for these cigarettes."

"Tell me about it," I prodded.

"Well, it's not much of a story," said the actress. "One night Big Joel threw a party at the Central Park Casino for a bunch of his pals—Jimmy Walker, Billy Seeman, Jules Glanzel and that crowd. And it was quite a shindig—guinea hen under glass, buckets of champagne and gold-tipped cigarettes on every table. I was one of the girls invited—but what I didn't know until later was that Joel intended to surprise me and announce our engagement that night."

"Were you stuck on the big lug?"

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"Not particularly," said the star, "but he was a nice enough fella and had had me make the announcement I don't doubt but that I would have gone along with it."

"What stopped him?"

"It was one of those things," said the actress. "A little after midnight, when I came back to my table after a dance, I found my pocketbook was missing. I started to look for it, but Big Joel told me to relax and handed me a hundred bucks. I thanked him but kept right on looking, and when he naked me why I was so worried about the pocketbook I told him there was \$100 dollar in it."

"I had hardly gotten the words out of my mouth when the woman who worked in the ladies' room came up and handed me my purse—said she had found it under the make-up table."

"Big Joel looked at me and grinned kind of funny. 'It ain't that I don't trust you, honey,' he said, 'but a man's gotta be awfully sure about the lady he's gonna make his wife.'

Nkruma's party is the only one organised to fight at election, and the only one able to find £50 deposit for all its candidates. Officially, the C.P.P. has, perhaps, 100,000 members, but the number of 6d. a month recruits is increasing as the prospect of "jobs for the boys" gets nearer.

Even this growing membership—only a minute fraction of the one and a half million voters now being registered—gives a false impression of Nkruma's power.

Municipal elections have shown that the moderates in the five towns are politically apathetic or afraid, and most of them stay at home on polling day. Nkruma's party has been able to get landslide victories purely by opposition default.

Vast education campaigns by leaflets and mobile cinemas are now being conducted to counter this apathy.

Since many of the population of the Gold Coast are illiterate, instructions for getting on the electoral register have been simplified by the use of plain illustrations.

For example: people are being told they may vote: (1) If they are British (a pin-man waving a Union Jack gets the idea home); (2) If they are 21 (a picture of a baptism certificate explains it); and (3) If they have paid their levy (for this, there is a little man holding two bags marked with the £ sign).

Dollars . . .

THE daring nature of Britain's experiment in transferring power to political novices—and the importance of education in voting—is shown by a look at the Gold Coast's balance sheet.

Nearly half the world's cocoa, gold, manganese, timber, bauxite, and diamonds—all these help the Gold Coast to scoop £40,000,000 a year in dollars into the pool.

I went to see Prison Graduate Komia Gbedemah, the "strong man" who, released from gaol eight months ago after a term for publishing false news, is reorganising the party for the man in cell No. 9.

He sat in the absent chairman's seat at the three-roomed party headquarters. Nkruma's books still on the desk—a Koran in English, "Hegel to Marx" and Quintin Hogg's "The Purpose of Parliament" among them.

He said: "I will say or do nothing disloyal to Kwame."

He realises that the new Constitution is not full self-government; that even were his party to capture every possible seat it must certainly remain a minority in Parliament.

I asked if he was prepared to try to make the Constitutional work, to accept majority decisions in Parliament.

"It all depends if the Governor is reasonable about (Continued on Page 18, Col. 6)

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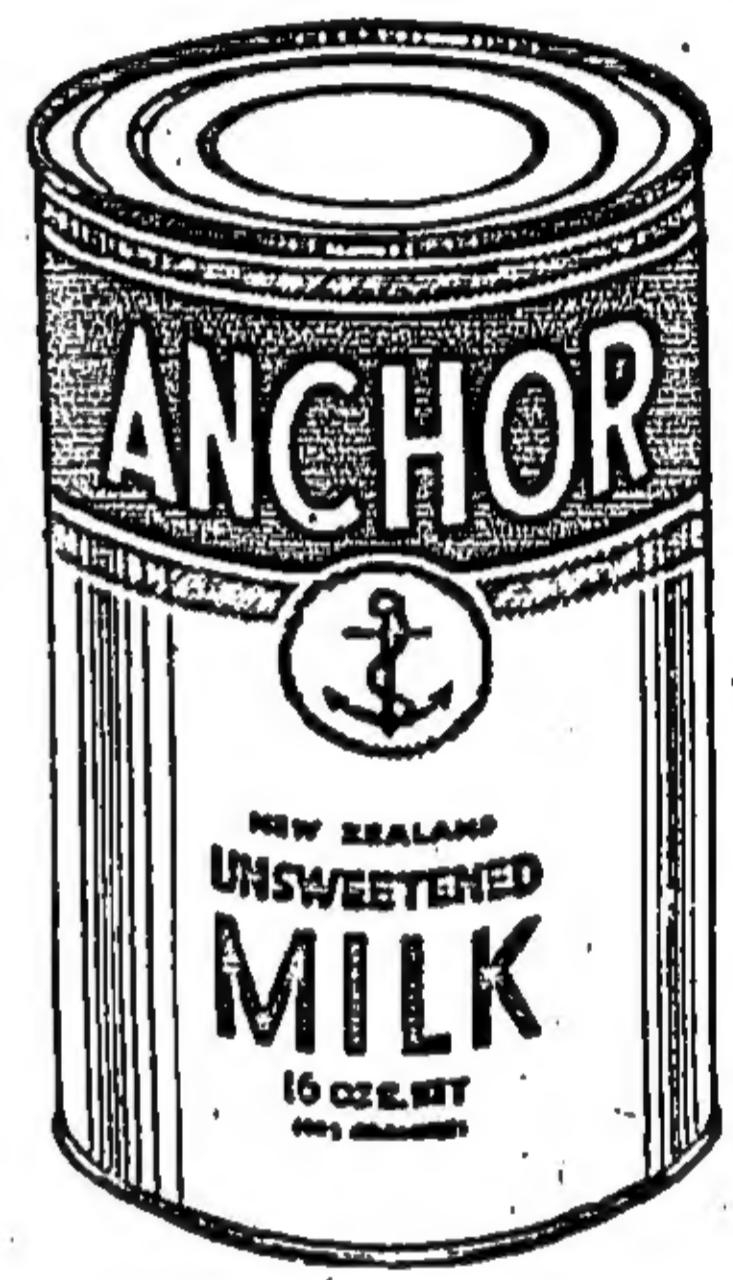
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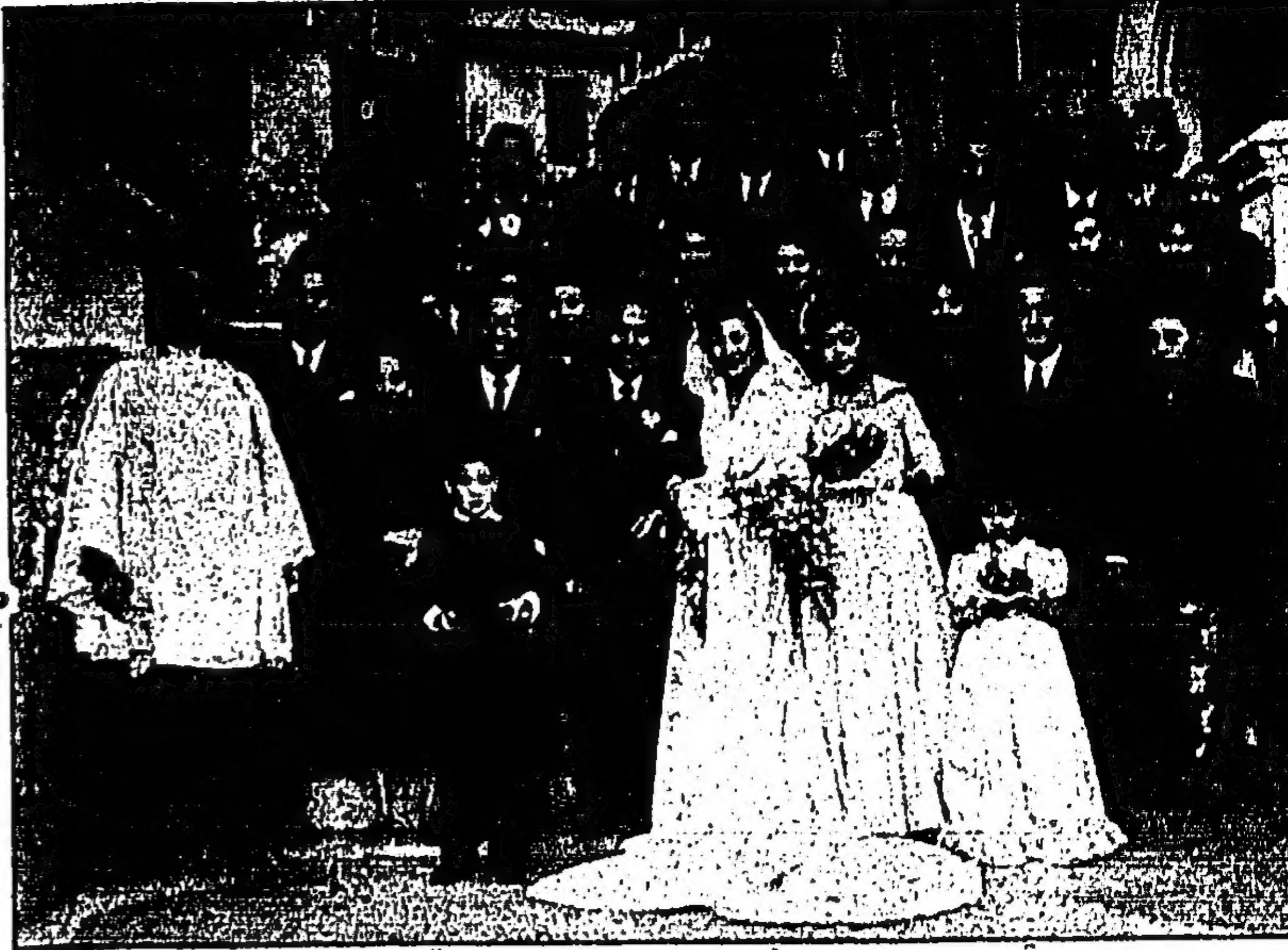
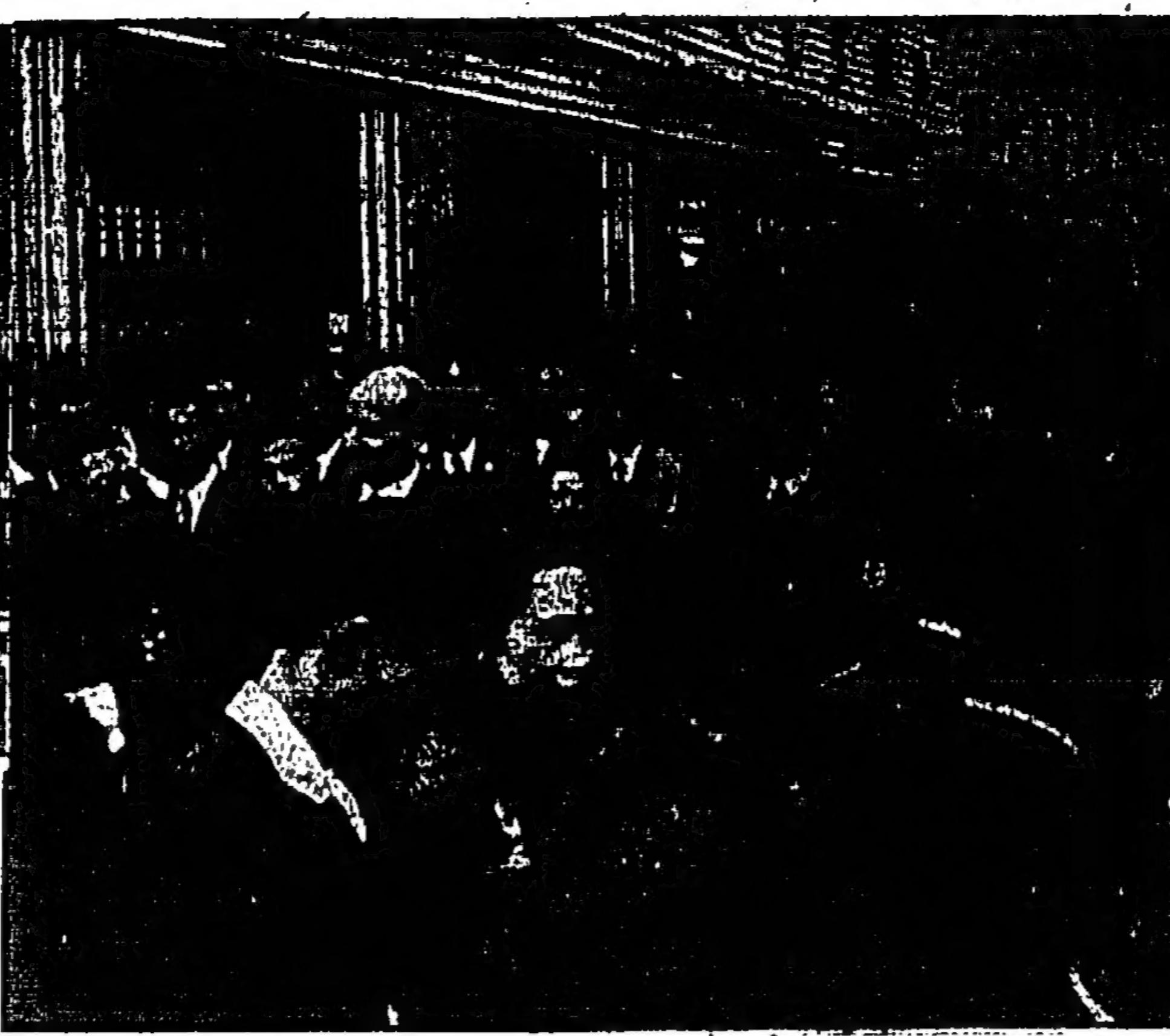
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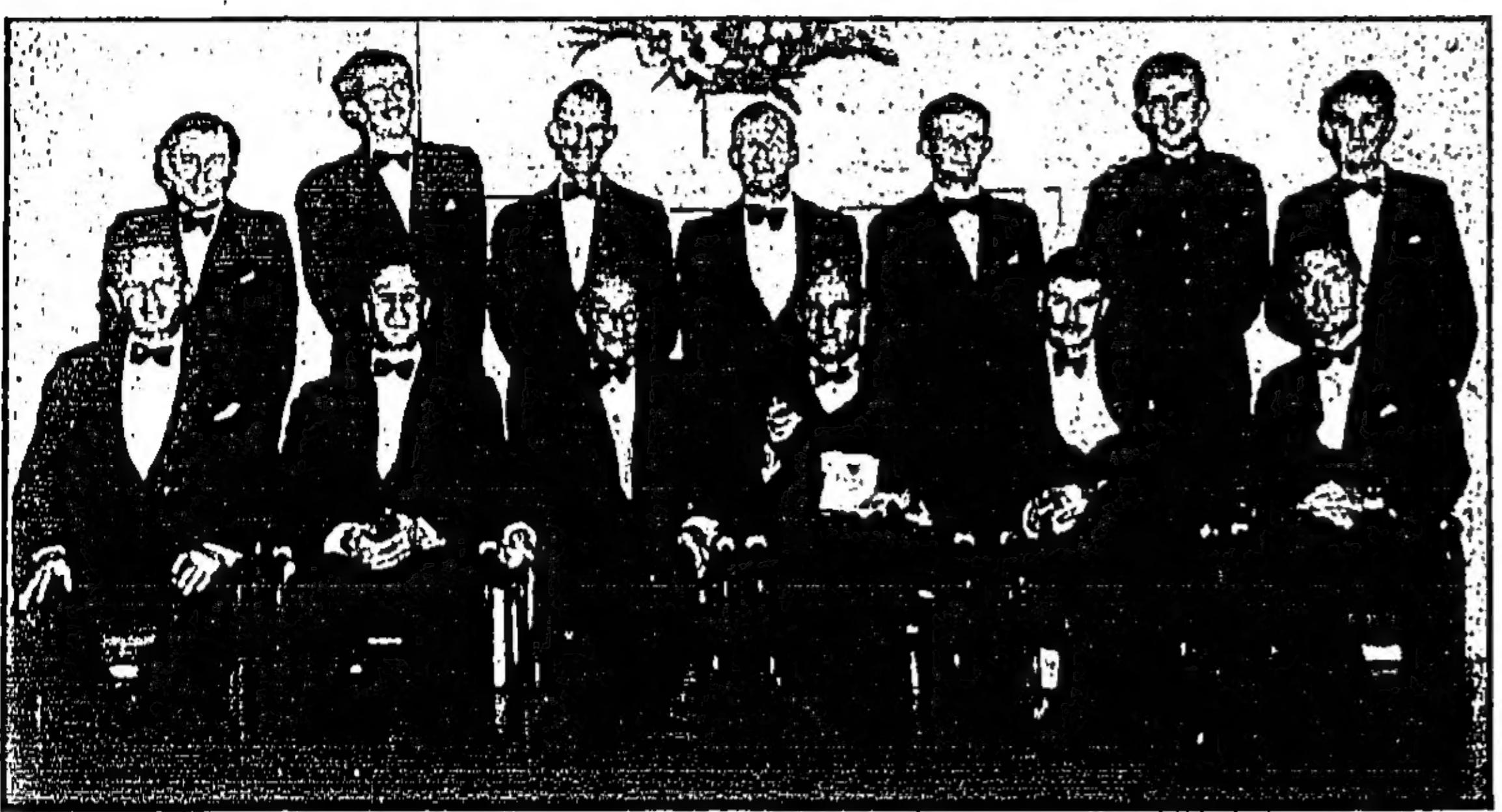
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AT the eighth annual exhibition of Hongkong products, organised by the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, which opened last week, hundreds of articles manufactured in this Colony are being shown. A view of the imposing entrance to the exhibition is shown above. Right: HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, being conducted around the exhibition by officials of the Union. (Staff Photographer)



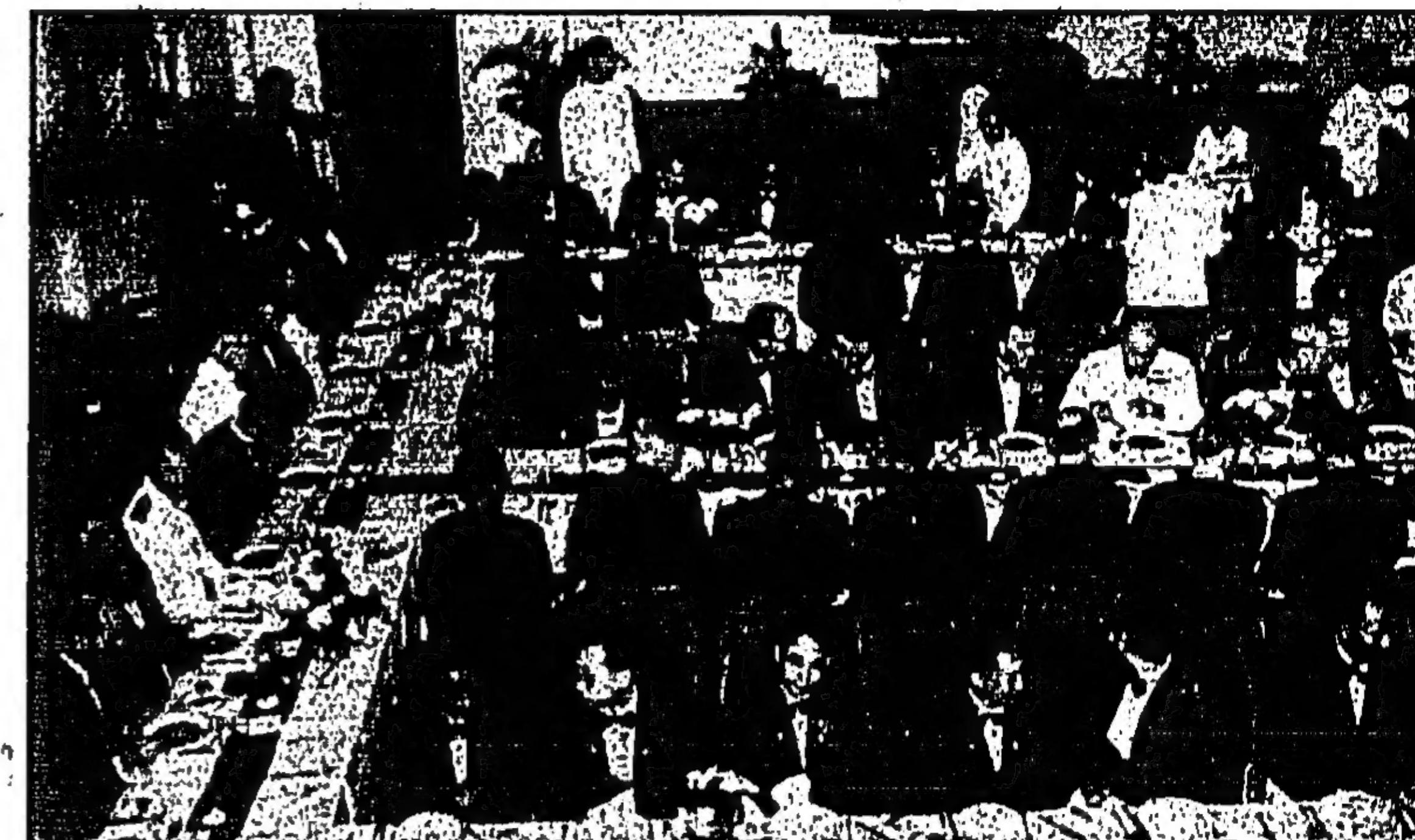
MR and Mrs George T. Y. Chu and friends after their wedding last Saturday at St Andrew's Church. The bride was formerly Miss Iris Sun. (Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS of the Old Carthusians' Club who attended a Founder's Day dinner at the Hongkong Club last week. (Era)



SCENE at Stonecutters Island last Sunday when shooting in the Inter-Colony Postal Targets Competition took place. (Staff Photographer)



BRIDAL group outside the Roman Catholic Cathedral after the wedding of Mr Tan Tock-kheng and Miss Mary Wong. (King's)



HONGKONG'S Christmas gifts to British troops in Korea. Parcels leaving the YWCA hostel for Kai Tak, where they were flown by special plane to Pusan. (Staff Photographer)



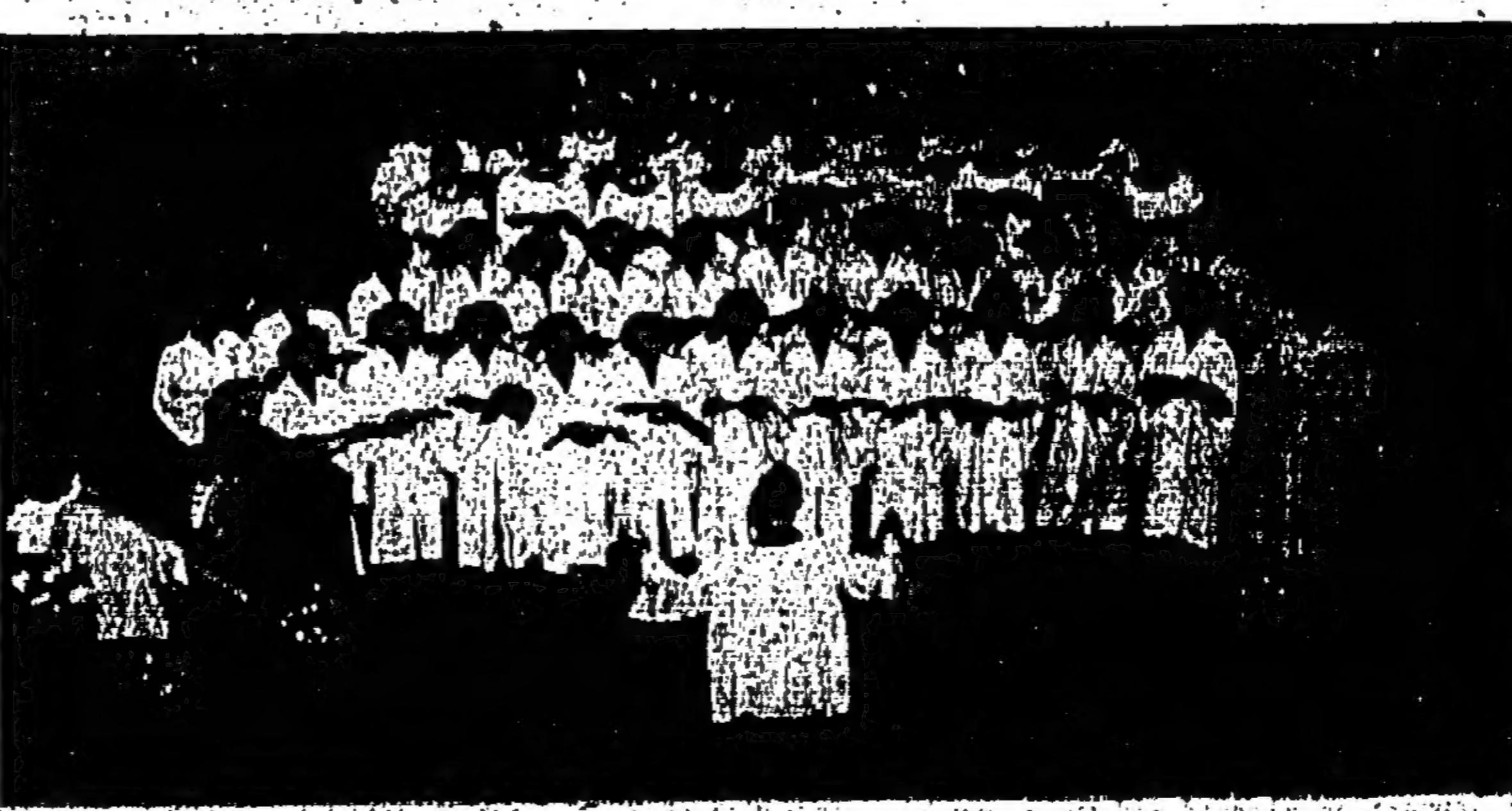
LITTLE Veronica Bagot receiving a prize from Mrs L. S. Pearson at the annual prizegiving of the Kennedy Road School on Monday. (Staff Photographer)



BELLO: The choir of the Hop Yat Church at their annual Christmas concert. The performance was of a high standard. (Staff Photographer)

OFFICERS of the St John Ambulance Brigade and guests at their annual mess dinner, held at St John Headquarters last week. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Mr D. J. S. Crozier, who will succeed Mr T. R. Rowell as Director of Education, cutting the tape in opening the new village school on North Lamma Island. (Staff Photographer)



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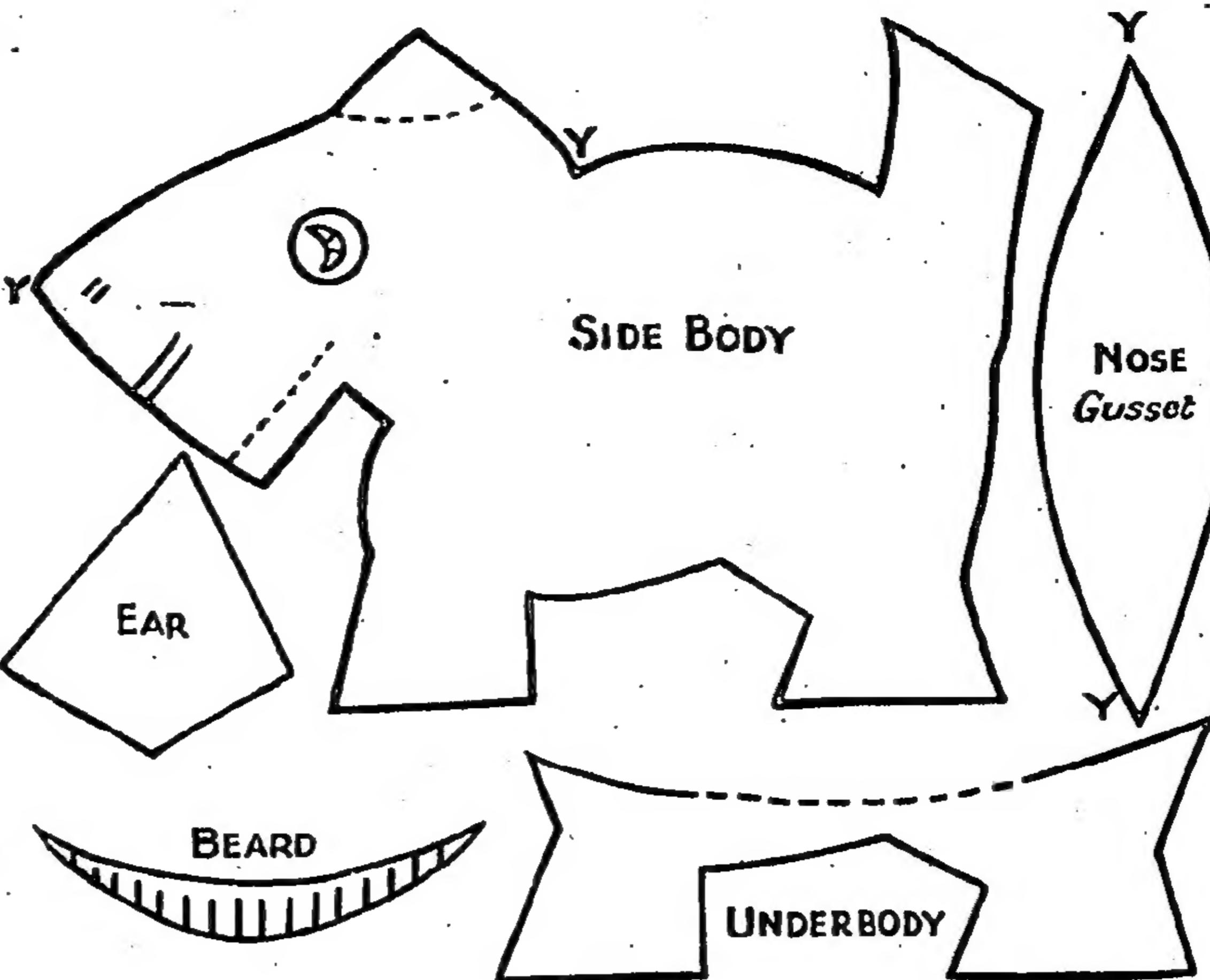
DIAGRAMS FOR SCOTTIE

INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS: A square of black felt, 10 x 18 ins. Scraps of white and brown for eyes. Contrasting wool or cotton for seams. Stuffing and Tartan ribbon.

TO MAKE UP: Draw up a paper pattern from the diagrams, then cut out in felt two of each piece, except gusset and beard; cut out one of each of these. Join under-bodies together on wrong side with sewing cotton, leaving dotted line open to insert stuffing later. Join under-body to side bodies by blanket stitching edges with contrast thread on right side, then continue all round edges up to the two points marked Y; here insert top of head gusset, before finishing blanket stitching.

Stuff body firmly with kapok, or old stockings cut up, pushing well into all corners with a knitting needle. Sew up under-body opening; blanket stitch round ears, fold them in halves and sew to top of head where indicated by dotted line. Fringe beard and sew to chin. Cut out 2 brown circles and 2 white semi-circles for eyes; place white on brown and sew to head with matching cotton, making a black stitch on white half. Embroider mouth and nose in red. Tie ribbon round neck.



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—But is

there a
Santa Claus?

By G. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

IS there a Santa Claus? Of course there is for young children and for older children with a good imagination. What other symbol of goodness and fun fits so well into the heart and head of the little child? Old Saint Nick is king of all the fairies. And the little child from two to five treated with sympathy and understanding by parents who themselves have a good imagination, lives in the land of make-believe. These parents walk with him into his enchanted world and enjoy with him the precious creatures of his fancies. These parents can even see and hear these fairies and share with the little child the joyous conversation and companionship with them.

Did you ever drink imaginary tea or eat an imaginary lunch with your little tot of two or three? At this tea or luncheon there may have been some toy dishes and spoons or just tiny bits of paper or the like for such, or there may have been nothing at all. Yet for the little host or hostess every necessary thing including the food was right there. And what happiness he had if all these things were there also for you.

MAKE-BELIEVE

This same child at five, six or even much older may go on playing at make-believe, using more real materials as symbols as he grows older. But for the farm done by so many cold, bone-headed adults with skulls too hard for fanciful ideas to penetrate, and but for older children's limiting adults, play at make-believe, which is the essence of all dramatic arts, would not so quickly pass from the experience of the growing child as it does.

THE ANSWER

Back to Santa Claus. Suppose your child five or six or seven "corrupted" by the talk of older children, looks up at you and says, "Is there a Santa Claus?" He wants to know if Santa Claus is a real person who breathes and walks and feels. Answer him this way: "No, but we have been just playing he is a real person."

Then go on pretending with this child as long as he cares to do so. Even though a child so young might not understand, it should do no harm to tell him of Santa Claus as a spirit standing for everything that's "unselfish," good, and lovely.

MORAL HARM

Moral harm to the older child may be done by parents and teachers who try to foist Santa Claus on him after he has been disillusioned.

Incidentally, I believe it wise to have some Christmas gifts to the child as young as three or four, marked as from the real person who gave them, thus making his meeting of reality a gradual process.



—and this is how your
Scottie will appear

—(London Express Service.)

Cooking A Turkey — Properly

By Ida Bailey Allen

"OH, Mrs Allen, could you tell me how to cook my Christmas turkey? I cooked a small one for Thanksgiving, and it dried out," asked a friend. "Well, here's a suggestion," I started.

"Should I use a double-roaster, or an open pan? How do you get those little black things out of the skin? Is it really true that poultry should be scrubbed with soapy water?"

"Do you approve of an oyster and mushroom stuffing with turkey?" At this a man raised his voice. "My wife just makes a plain bread stuffing with herbs, and I think it's fine!" he said.

AT THE BEGINNING

"Well, friends," I started, collecting my thoughts, "it's just two days till Christmas and we're all interested in turkey. Let's start at the beginning. First the bird has to be singed to remove all fuzzy hairs. The safe way to do this is to hold the bird in one hand, and burn off the fuzz with a lighted candle. Next you remove the little black pin feathers. It's easy and quick if you use tweezers."

"Then the turkey should be cleaned. Of course, the meat man will have already eviscerated (dressed) it, but you should feel inside with your hands; and up under the breastbone you'll find a soft, spongy substance, the lungs; these should be removed. And in the two hollows in the backbone are the kidneys. Discard them also. Next cut the yellow oil sac out of the tail.

"Now, scrub the bird with mild, soapy water, and rinse thoroughly. Next cut off half the neck, but leave on part of the skin to form a pocket for the breast stuffing. Cut off the tips of the wings, and put them in a saucier with the neck and giblets to boil to make a stock for the gravy."

"How about the feet?" asked one woman.

COOK WITH GIBLETS

"Clean and cook with the giblets," I explained. "The skin should be slit just at the knee joint. Then slip a wooden joint under one of the hard skewers.

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Your last-minute shopping

WHEN doing your last-minute Christmas shopping and if you still don't know what to give, buy luxury gifts. These are not necessarily expensive presents, but they are things which people would consider extravagance to buy for themselves.

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Party hair

Style for a small girl. It is cool, comfortable and pretty. The hair is parted in the centre with the side pieces taken up into a "coronet" across the crown and kept in place with two bobby pins.

Christmas

Pudding

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This Christmas pudding will appeal to most housewives, because it is simple to make and keeps particularly well.

RECIPE

1½ lb. sultanas, 1 lb. raisins, ½ lb. currants, ½ lb. mixed peel, ½ cup blanched almonds, 4 oz. dates; 4oz. figs (or ½ cup fig jam), 6 oz. butter, 8 oz. plain flour, 8 oz. brown sugar, 1½ cups bread crumbs, 5 eggs, pinch of salt, 2 tablespoons rum.

Cream the butter and sugar. Add the eggs, one at a time and beat well. Add the bread crumbs. Sift the flour, salt and spice together and add to creamed mixture, then the fruit, which should be washed, dried and finely chopped. Lastly add the rum. Place in well greased mould to steam.

This quantity is sufficient to make: — one 10-pint mould (serves 10), steam for eight hours; 2 three-pint moulds (each mould sufficient for eight), steam five hours; or 4 treacle tins (each one serves four), steam two and a half to three hours each.

BOXING DAY RECIPE

Put in a greased casserole alternate layers of cold turkey, cold stuffing and sliced apples. Molt with gravy and top with brown sugar, cinnamon, browned bread crumbs. Bake for half an hour with lid and five minutes without the lid.

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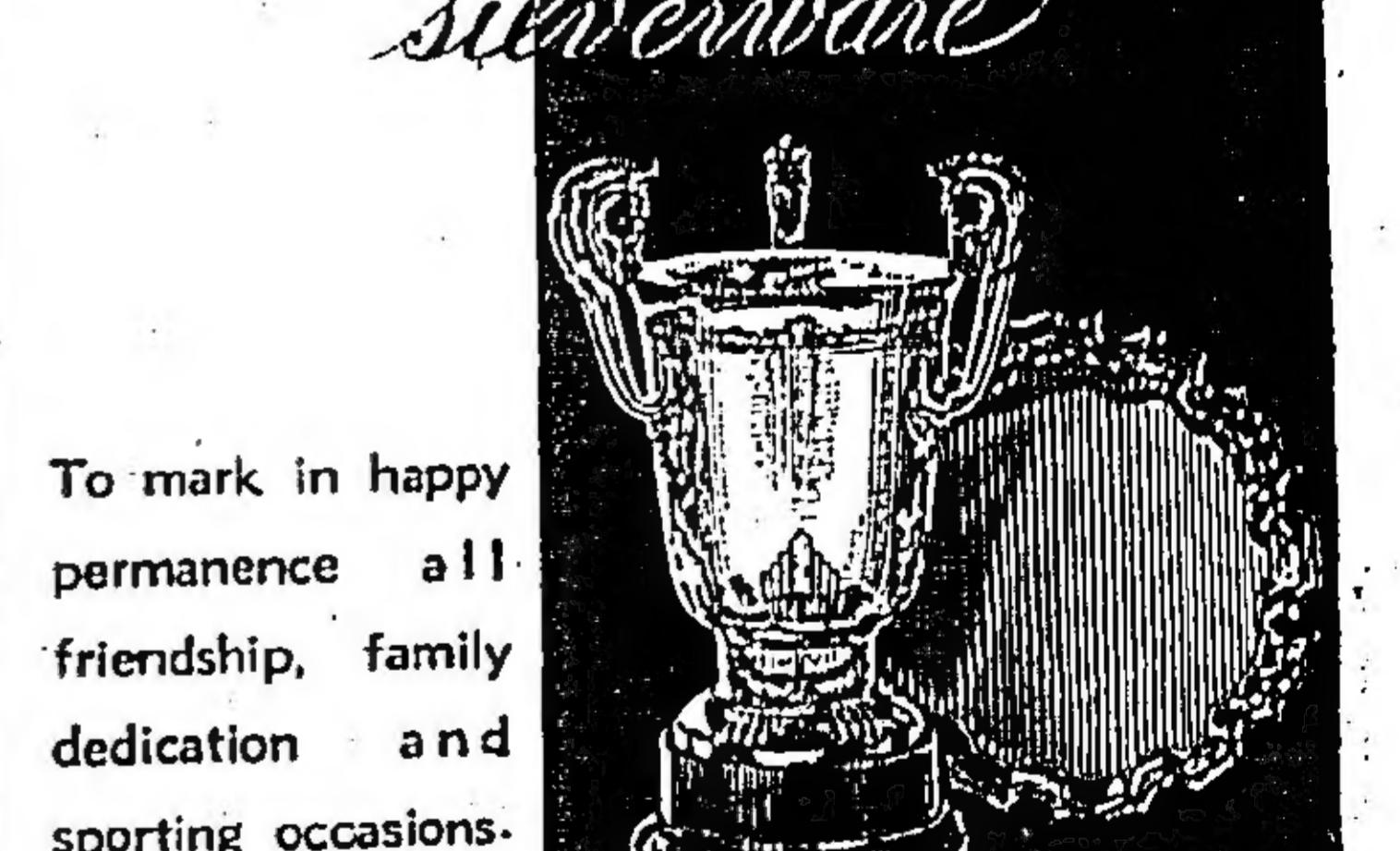
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HATS GO 'FORWARD' FOR THE FESTIVAL — by Joan Erskine

THE pretty coquettish hats of the 19th century, massed with violets and draped with tulle, formed the basis of a new collection of model hats seen in London recently. The inspiration was the Great Exhibition of 1851, coupled with the approaching Festival of Britain, 1951.

Nostalgic Colours

Here were bonnets and toques of floating chiffon and velvet streamers, many with lovebirds nestling in the crown, almost all worn with a forward tilt. Colours were nostalgically named—Memory Mauve, Royal Consort, Victoria Regia, Victorian Lilac, and Windsor Grey. Aage Thaarup designed the swept-forward toque illustrated, in rich purple Royal Consort velvet, with an unusual edging of dyed crinkled horse-hair. The hand-made gloves have matching gauntlets of the horse-hair.

A bonnet with a wide peaked brim, was covered with a veil over which white violets were scattered. A mass of crushed violets decorated the front of a velvet pillbox. An Edwardian tricorn was made entirely of Parma violets, and with this hat went a matching collar of violets tied with a velvet bow. Purple velvet streamers hanging down the back of a brilliant green hat massed with violets and feathers brought the Can-Can to mind.

The period effect was heightened in a gay white straw bonnet, with green feathers curling high in the air. At the back was a velvet snood for the hair.

The show was divided into two sections, the smaller one consisting of daintily hats of 1851 vintage, and the larger one exhibiting rather more up-to-date versions.

Festival Shades

Contrasting sharply with the delicate colours of the period hats were the new "Festival 1951" shades—Rocket Blue, Festival Gold, and Hang-over Green. There were two main shapes; the jutting forward, straight-on-the-head type, and the large-brimmed picture hat.

Illustrated is a large black picture hat in crinoline, trimmed with white straw flowers. Velvet binds the edge. Crinoline—a fabric rather like coarse net, is customarily used for stiffening jacket basques, and is used for the framework of hats. Lately, however, designers have taken to using it uncovered, and the effect is charming, as the light shines through it, giving the face a misty look.

A Future "Must"

The newest version of the peak is a peaked brim standing well out in front, and the designers tell us that the "Forward Look" will be a "must" in six months' time. Most of the small hats shown had tiny brims; some had main brims in contrasting colours under the main brim.

Pillboxes have never been more popular—one was described oddly as a "peaceful little military pillbox!" Worn straight on the head, these usually have a very tall feather mount standing some twelve inches high.

Feeling For Contrast

There is a great feeling at the moment for contrasting colours. A hat may be gold satin at the back including the brim, and from the front look like a black fur felt. This is flattering in very large brimmed hats, where a softer light can be thrown on the face.

Materials used at the show were velvet, grosgrain, satin, elaborately draped chiffon, falie, scarecrow straw, plaited Swiss straw, and horsehair. The gold shades varied from palest lemon to soft hazel-nut brown. One hat was described as being the colour of flat champagne when all the bubbles have gone and only soft-lit romance remains!

by SUSAN DEACON

Black velvet will 'make' your party wardrobe

THIS Christmas your party wardrobe will need to stretch over a four-day week-end.

Interchangeable party clothes, which can be worn at home or dressed up for a more sophisticated evening, are the basis of a party wardrobe.

A BOUFFANT NET skirt or a straight velvet skirt are indis-

pensable. Make or buy your skirt in black, and wear it with a jewel-coloured satin strapless top or off-the-shoulder wool jersey sweater.

It is simple to cover a strapless brassiere in velvet, brocade or satin, to wear with your skirt.

Cherry sweater

IN LONDON SHOPS, I have found ...

1 A full gathered net skirt selling for 5½ gns.

2 A boat-necked wool jersey sweater in cherry red with a scalloped cuff at 27s. 6d.

3 A strapless black velvet bodice at 69s. 6d.

I have also seen a two-piece cocktail suit in shot poult selling for 78s. 6d. It has a full skirt and a fitted middy jacket with cap sleeves.

FOR EVENING-DRESS ONLY occasions I saw a glamorous all-white dress called "Thistle-down" selling for 10½ gns. It has a white velvet bodice and full net skirt.

Buns again

Watching the spring fashion shows in London, I noticed that many models, and fashion experts are growing their hair. There are signs that the bun will be fashionable again.

A NEW IDEA is to wear a coloured streak in your hair. These fake locks of hair, fastened to a hair grip sell from 21s.

FOR BLONDES there is a pink streak called "pink Confetti" and a black streak called "Charcoal".



For the Duchess of Windsor. Embroidered satin over white tulle

FOR BRUNETTES or women with white hair, there is a blue streak called "Sapphire" and for red-heads a streak called "Amber."

FOR THE BEACH

Highlights of the week's shows:

A TOWELLING beach coat in tangerine-lined black.

A POPLIN and pleat sun suit in pink and black.

BAR-RINGS in diamonds, edging from the lobes to the top of the ear.

New Dior party dress for Irene Dunne in black taffeta. Note halter gloves and earrings worn high on the ear.



Aage Thaarup's period hat—vintage 1851—is a coquettish model in Royal Consort. Purple velvet crown is edged with dyed crinkled horse-hair with gloves to match.

Check your friend's fashion-sense at your party by

Fashion Quiz

- (1) Who is the Queen's dressmaker, and also the leader of the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers?
- (2) Who is the world famous milliner who designs hats for the Royal Family?
- (3) Name three well-known Paris couturiers.
- (4) Who introduced the "New Look" and when?
- (5) What is the synthetic material that ruined the silk trade?
- (6) What is the new exaggerated eye make-up called?
- (7) What do the terms gauge and denier mean to you?
- (8) To which era do short skirts, cloche hats, long cigarette holders and ahngled hair belong?
- (9) Is it correct to wear a hat at a cocktail party?
- (10) In which country is the wearing of evening hats in restaurants banned? (with evening dress).
- (11) What world-famous material is at present having a greater boom than when it was favoured by Queen Victoria in the last century? And from what country does it come?
- (12) What was the original name of brassiere?
- (13) What were suspenders originally called?
- (14) Which of the following materials would not be used for a suit: batiste, hopsack, tweed, chiffon, faille?
- (15) Name three or more materials popular for summer dresses.
- (16) Waistcoats have become very popular lately, especially the embroidered variety. To what period of history do they belong?
- (17) The sash is often used nowadays to form the basic design of an evening dress. From which country did it come first?
- (18) Guess what this name refers to: Is it animal, vegetable or mineral? The "Grafton Poodle"?
- (19) What is a switch?
- (20) Name three types of hats for women.
- (21) What is the world's most expensive fur?
- (22) Name three types of hats for men.
- (23) Which is the latest and most revolutionary type of make-up? Is it Pancake, shiny, or silk?
- (24) How many different "looks" can you think of that have been introduced over the past few years? Inist on Johnson's wax.

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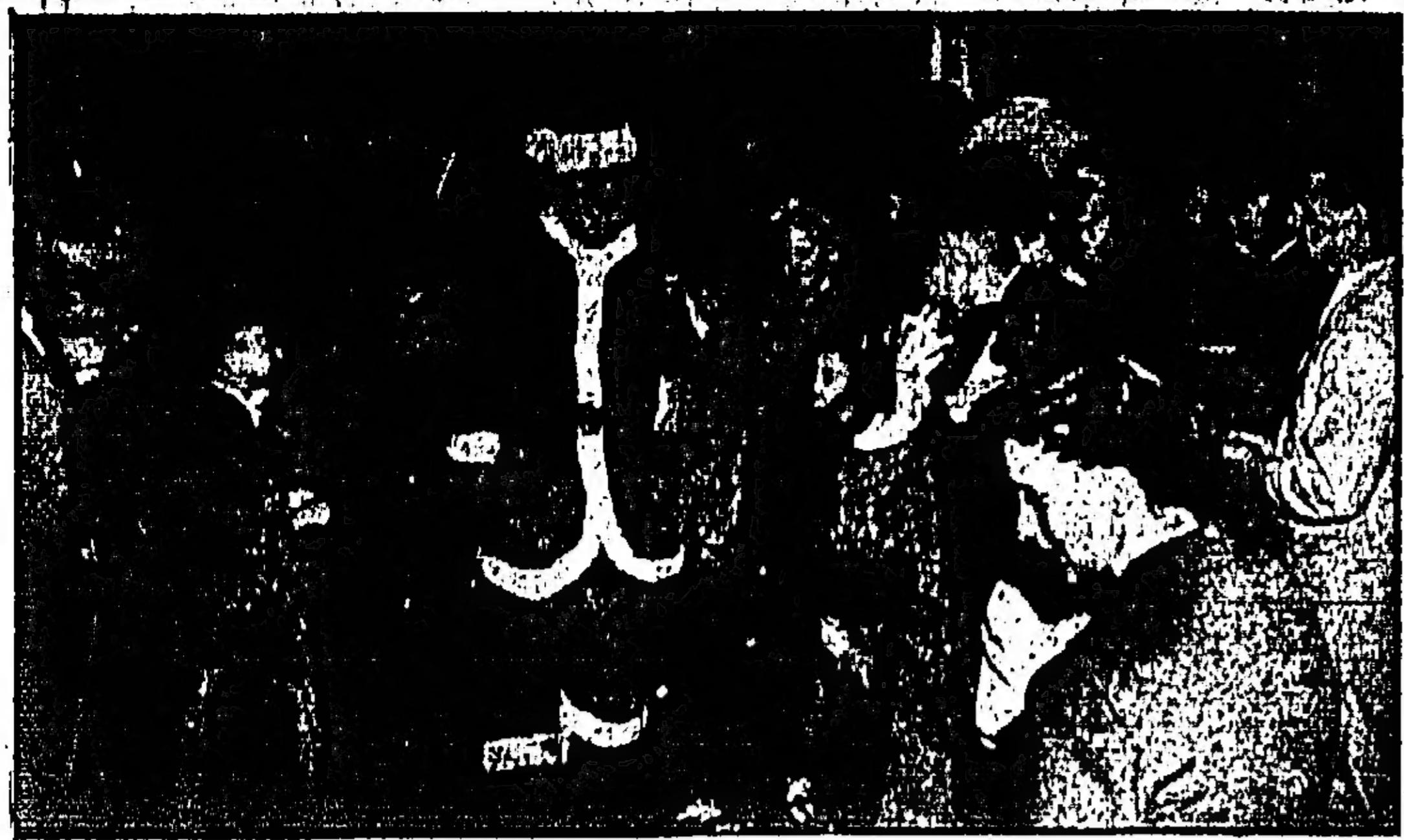
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THE most popular figure of the season. Santa Claus surrounded by enthusiastic admirers of all ages when he made his appearance at the Christmas party held at St Andrew's Church. (Staff Photographer)



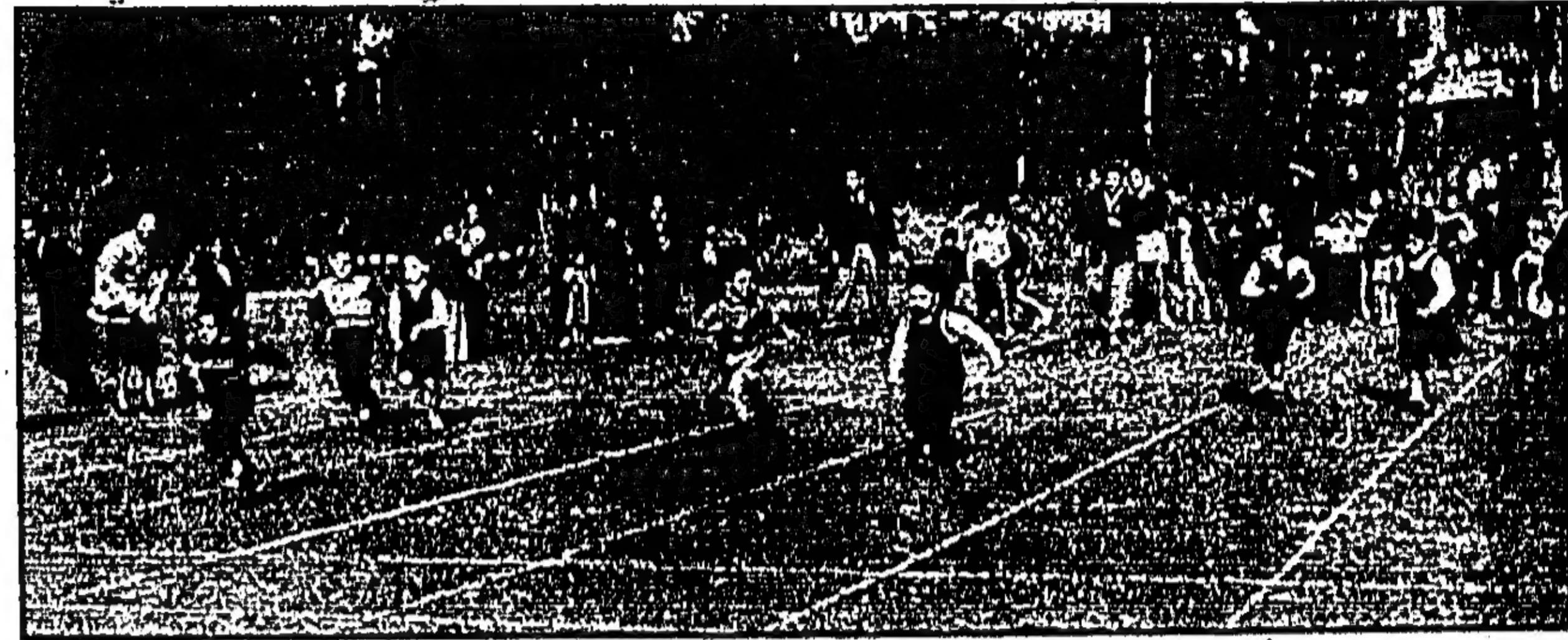
BRIAN, son of Dr and Mrs George Chea, blowing the candle at his first birthday party, with his grandmother and young friends looking on. (Ming Yuen)



THE Rev. Yung T. Park, who was minister of the old China Congregational Church for more than 50 years, opens the doors of the new church building in Caroline Road. (Staff Photographer)



MISS Susan Owen Hughes presenting prizes for the Colony open hardcourt tennis championship at the Chinese Recreation Club last Sunday. Below: One of the children's races included in the sports programme for the afternoon. (Staff Photographer)



AT the annual dinner dance of the St Thomas More Association. Upper picture (from left): Mr A. C. Chen, Mrs Fohily, Mr W. S. Douglas, Mrs Chen and Dr the Hon. J. P. Fohily. Lower picture: Mrs Peterson, Mrs Morrison, Mr V. Morrison, Miss P. Barton, Mr G. Noblett and Mr I. Peterson. (Staff Photographer)



THE Hongkong Concert Orchestra, conducted by Mr H. V. Ardy, seen at their Christmas concert given at the Hongkong Hotel last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP picture of members and guests taken the annual dinner of the Circle Sportif de l'Indochine, held last Monday.



PICTURE taken at St Teresa's Church after the christening of Gregory Michael Charles, infant son of Captain and Mrs A. K. Paulier. (Mayfair)



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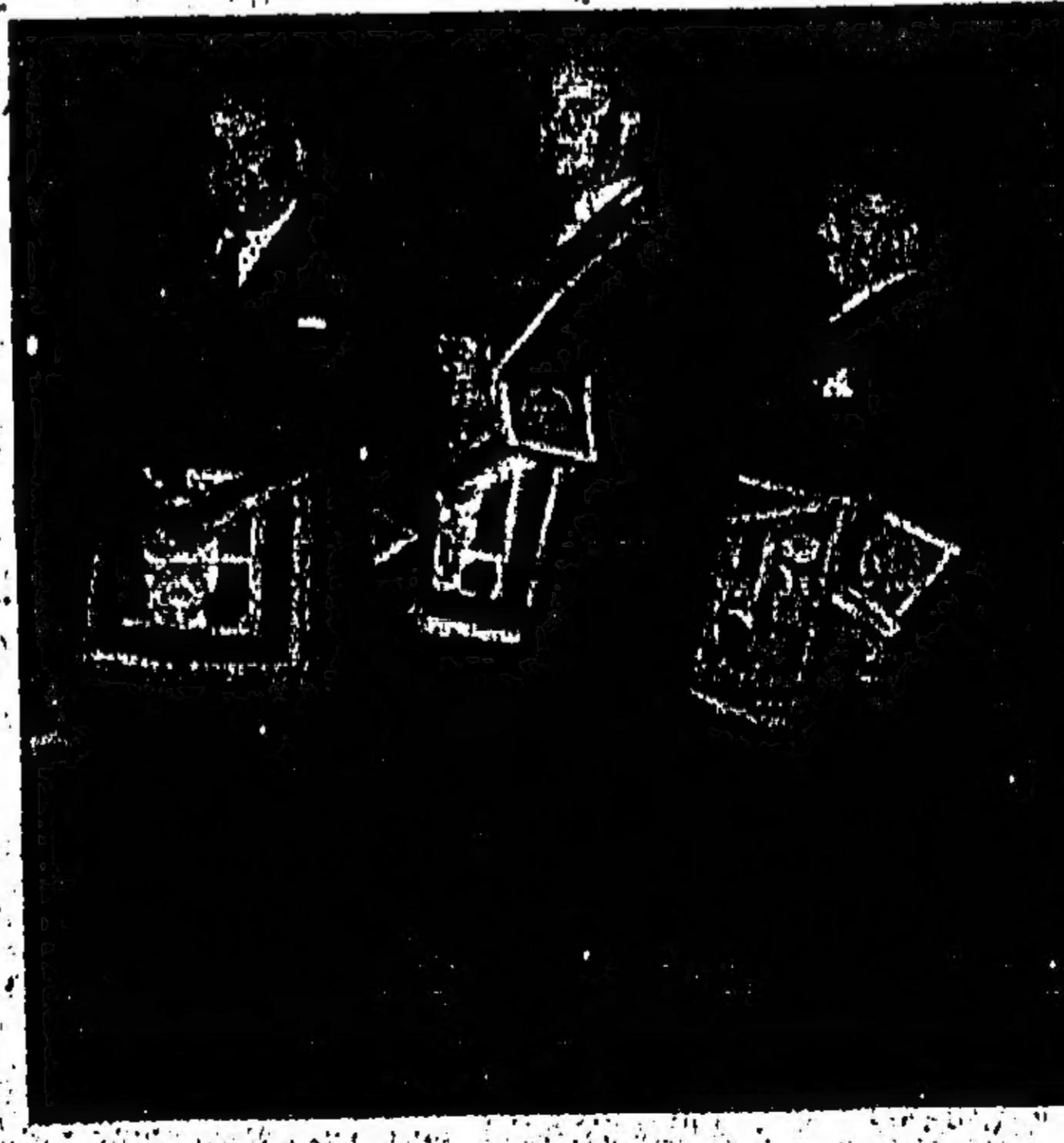
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PICTURE taken after the wedding of Mr Wong Yin-hong and Miss Peggy Chan at the Rhenish Mission Church.

BELOW: Nativity play given by children of St Stephen's Preparatory School. (Ming Yuen)



MR. F. F. Duckworth (right), Right Worshipful District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of English Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China, and his officers on their way to the annual church service at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



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RAMSEY, I.O.M.
HERE in the Isle of Man they have something new in strikes. Thirty-four of the island's 40 chemists downed bottles the other day and announced they would make up no more National Health prescriptions.

They have kept their word. The island's 98 policemen, led by Chief Superintendent Kelly, have been mobilised as Health Service messenger boys, and are now dividing their time between

carrying medicines to the sick and maintaining law and order. Those islanders who need drugs will tell you the whole thing is a "blooming nuisance."

Four-hour Service
LITTLE Mr Corteen's shop in Ramsey's main street, for instance, is still open to sell drugs and cosmetics for cash. But hand him a National Health prescription and he will politely refer you to the police dispensary. He has a "gentleman's agreement" not to serve you even if you offer to pay.

Round at the courthouse Inspector Gale, or his girl clerk, or one of his constables, will take your prescription, listen to your tale of woe, and say "Your medicine will be ready in four hours."

Everyone here is saying "Our police are wonderful." Their station window-sills are littered with filled medicine bottles, and helmeted constables can be seen knocking at front doors with little medicine bottles in their hands, or standing waiting in the dispensees of the six non-striking chemists, who are now dispensing for the whole Island.

P. C. Jack Cretnay is typical. I found him standing in Atkinson's (Douglas) dispensary at 6 p.m., sipping sweet tea, looking tired, and waiting for Mr Atkinson (who looked utterly exhausted) to finish making up Mrs P's "urgent" heart mixture. He was going to run it into Laxey Village, nine miles distant, for his wife.

The old lady's doctor had prescribed special pills. Her own chemist had plenty, but Mr Atkinson's regulars do not use them, so he had to send to Liverpool for them. He handed P. C. Cretnay a little bottle.

One Of The Few

TELL the old lady ten drops of this is equivalent to one pill, and her pills will be over by the morning plane," he said. But P. C. Cretnay knew his job. He might now be a chemist's messenger boy, but he was not turning chemist. "You write that on the label," he said.

It had gone on like that all day. John Atkinson was one of the few chemists not on strike. He sympathised with the strikers, but was not in their association, and he felt the sick should have their drugs.

Prescription from Ramsey and surrounding villages had poured into Douglas all week.

Ramsey police phoned Liverpool on behalf of a little spinner who suffers so badly from migraine that her doctor is now trying "something special." None of the non-striking chemists had these pills.

The Liverpool police obtained them, put them in the next plane, and the local police promised to deliver them if Miss S. was feeling "really bad" when they arrived.

One chemist ran out of several vital drugs on the first day. His dispensing business had suddenly trebled. His wholesaler said

... One snag around here is this: Both men and women wear the trousers...



Seoul.
HAVE any husbands or boy-friends written yet and told about the fabulous Gooks?

They are the inhabitants of this country, and in official Americanese they are called the "indigenous population." But the simple soldier finds it easier to refer to them all as Gooks.

The lads will be seeing quite a lot of them in the next few months, so I will tell you something about their peculiar customs, appearance, and habits.

The most noticeable thing about Gooks is that they're all so Gook looking. You simply can't tell them apart. The North Gooks we are fighting are exactly the same as our allies the South Gooks, and to the Western eye neither of them is distinguishable from the Chinese, the Japanese, the Manchurians or the Indians of Outer Mongolia.

Not only that, but in the winter, when they all wear trousers and wrap themselves up in sheets, it is hard to tell the difference between male Gooks and female Gooks. And those faces are so flat and similar that they look as if they'd walked into a wall in the dark.

They are all about 5ft. 4ins. in height, and fat Gooks don't exist because there's nothing in Gookland to get fat on. Their favourite delicacy is dried cuttlefish.

Cuttlefish are not the nicest-looking creatures when fresh, but they are even less appetising when rolled flat and dried till they are brown. To eat, they are something like catapult elastic, only tougher.

Callous

BY the look of their land, Gooks are good farmers in a peasant sort of way.

They are fond of children and kind to animals. But they are extremely beastly to each other.

Down at the Pusan docks the other day one of them fell into the water and sank. The others there made no attempt to rescue him. They just looked at the bubbles coming up, and laughed. When there weren't any more bubbles they returned to work.

They try their war criminals in batches of 20. I had one case interpreted for me.

The fellow had been the headman of a village and the Communists told him to make a collection for their victory fund. He collected the equivalent of £3 10s., and the sentence for that was death.

There were no witnesses and his trial took 18 minutes.

Of course, just as they all look alike to us, so we must be puzzling to them.

Near the front in North Korea the other day, four British soldiers and I went over the abandoned house of a man who must have been the local squire. In one box he had a whole lot of books that were clearly Japanese propaganda.

In another box he had some more that were equally clearly Russian propaganda, and in a third he had some English books, which included "The Best One-Act Plays of 1934" and "The Fundamental Principles of Taxation," by Sir Josiah Stamp.

He had certainly tried to understand everyone's point of view, poor fellow, but it hadn't done him much good.

His home was abandoned and looted, and if he and his family were still alive they were in one of the endless streams of refugees.

The theft

YOU hear of people who would steal the shirt off your back, but a colleague of mine in Seoul caught a Gook woman stealing his long winter underpants.

To be fair, he wasn't actually wearing them at the time of the theft. He had left them in a drawer, and he came into his room just as the cleaning woman was making away with them. He grabbed one end of them and she hung on to the other, and they had a real tug-of-war before he got them back.

All the same, they disappeared next day, and since then he has seen them protruding below the cleaning woman's trousers.

A Gook's tour of the black market in Seoul is an interesting experience. Every kind of American equipment you can think of is laid out openly on the stalls.

The canteen had no batteries for my electric torch the other day, but on the black market there were as many as I wanted, all from the American Army stocks.

A Gook colonel who speaks English told me that he bought his uniform in the black market. There was nowhere else he could get one. He didn't think there was anything odd about it, so a Gook Gino was had by all.

Bernard Wicksteed

RHONA CHURCHILL looks at the newest thing in strikes

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carrying medicines to the sick and maintaining law and order. Those islanders who need drugs will tell you the whole thing is a "blooming nuisance."

Round at the courthouse Inspector Gale, or his girl clerk, or one of his constables, will take your prescription, listen to your tale of woe, and say "Your medicine will be ready in four hours."

Everyone here is saying "Our police are wonderful." Their station window-sills are littered with filled medicine bottles, and helmeted constables can be seen knocking at front doors with little medicine bottles in their hands, or standing waiting in the dispensaries of the six non-striking chemists, who are now dispensing for the whole Island.

P. C. Jack Cretnay is typical. I found him standing in Atkinson's (Douglas) dispensary at 6 p.m., sipping sweet tea, looking tired, and waiting for Mr Atkinson (who looked utterly exhausted) to finish making up Mrs P's "urgent" heart mixture. He was going to run it into Laxey Village, nine miles distant, for his wife.

The old lady's doctor had prescribed special pills. Her own chemist had plenty, but Mr Atkinson's regulars do not use them, so he had to send to Liverpool for them. He handed P. C. Cretnay a little bottle.

They Like It

"IT'S a game," the police will tell you, but they are rather liking it.

Officially the strike started because the chemists say, Mr T. C. Cowlin, chairman of the Island's Health Board, gave them only a few hours' notice—by telephone—to make a charge of sixpence per prescription. That, said the chemists, was no way to treat professional men.

They asked for ten days' warning, prior consultation and notice in writing, of any new regulations. Both chemists and doctors strongly object to the beehive-like make-up of the Island's Health Board.

It consists of a baker, fishmonger, cafe owner, farmer, accountant, and retired fish seller. The baker is chairman. There is a Health Advisory Board of medical experts (doctor, dentist, optician, etc.) who say their advice is " seldom sought and never taken."

The shabby charge has been introduced to save money on the Health scheme. Chemists say it will produce £1,000 a year—"a drop in an ocean of £600,000." They point to the "unnecessary and extravagant" building programme—£157,000 for a hospital extension and nurses' hostel.

Doctors' Dilemma

THERE is much pique and politics in this strike. The Health Board says the doctors are flagging the scheme by prescribing too many medicines at too high a cost, and that the £6d. will deter them. The doctors say that in an overdoctored Island they must pamper their patients or lose them to another doctor.

The Island's drug per head bill 18s. 7d. per year compared with 12s. 10d. in England and Wales and the average cost per bottle is 3s. 9d. as against 3s. 1d.

A large proportion of the Island's population consists of retired old folk. Many of them expect to spend their remaining years comfortably, with a doctor at the bedside, and a well-stocked medicine chest in the bathroom.



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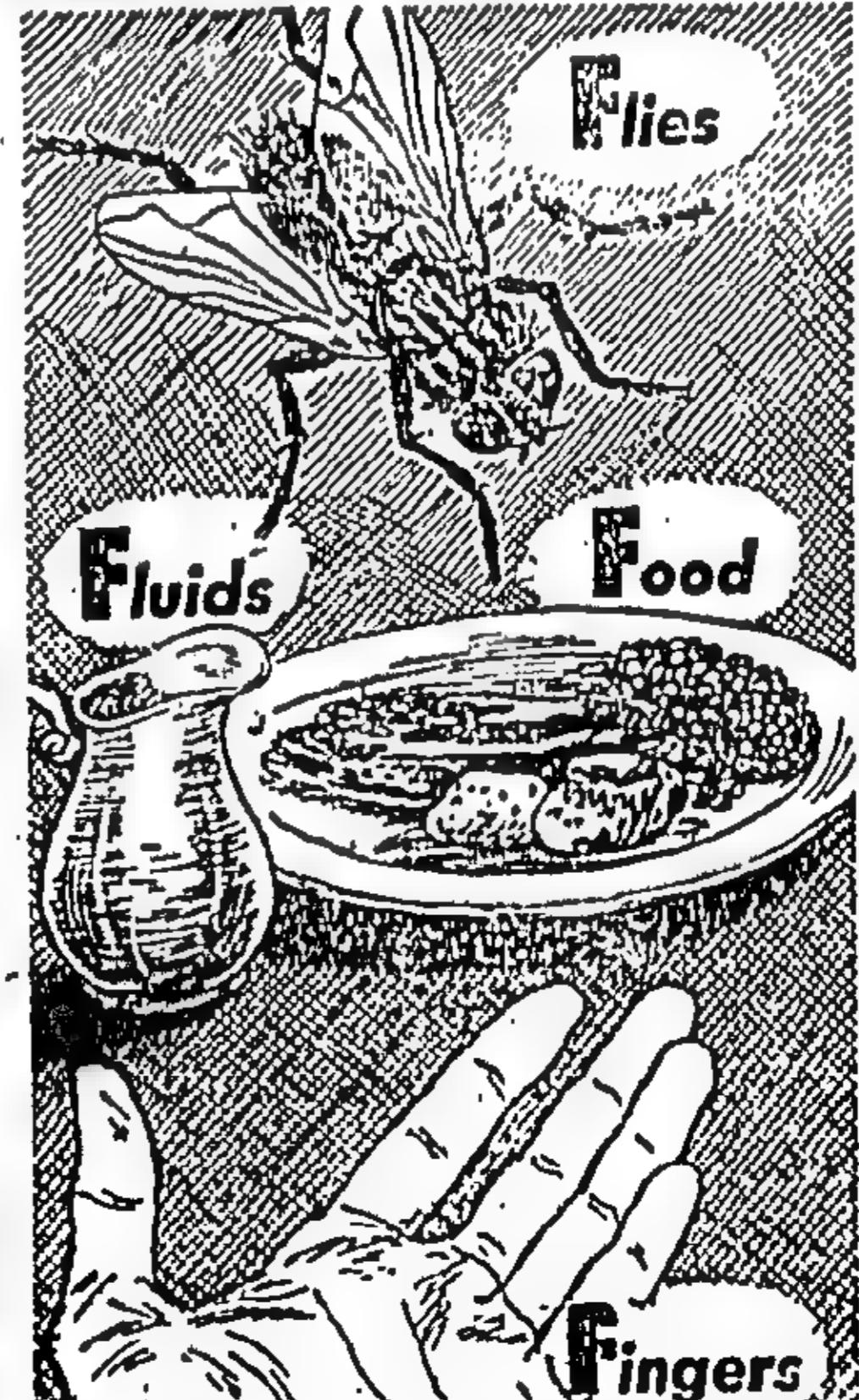
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Know the Answers to these Questions. What is dysentery? An infectious disease usually characterized by severe diarrhea. Two kinds are bacillary and amebic dysentery. How do you know you have it? You get bacillary dysentery suddenly. You have high temperature, acute diarrhea, sometimes stomach pain, nausea. Amebic dysentery does not affect you suddenly. You feel tired or have stomach discomfort, perhaps some diarrhea. How serious is dysentery? It can kill. Don't take chances. See your doctor if you notice any symptoms. Delay makes the cure slow, difficult.

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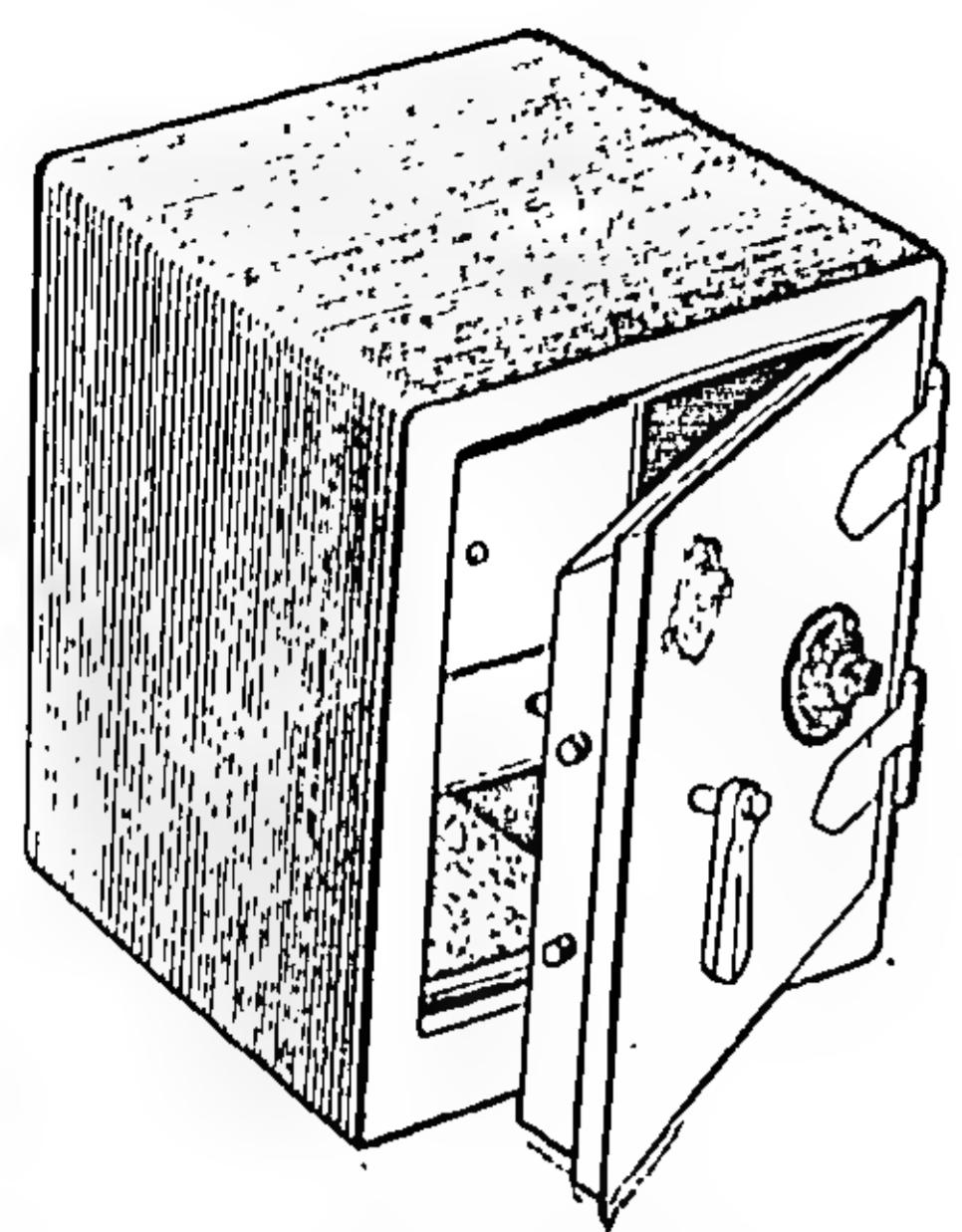
Learn how the 4 F's carry Dysentery danger. The organisms which cause dysentery travel chiefly on the "FFFF"—Food, Flies, Fingers, Fluid. And they travel fast and fast! Their favorite habitat of these parasites is the human intestine. Once discharged from them they live literally "from hand to mouth." Flies pick up these parasites. They leave them on food, dishes. And from there we may carry them to our mouths. They live in milk, too. And a person whose hands carry the organisms may touch our food before we get it, and contaminate it.

Memorize these Safety Rules! Prevent dysentery! (1) Get flies out of your house—use screens, or flykillers like D.D.T. (2) Boil drinking water and boil its containers occasionally. Cook foods thoroughly. (Organisms won't survive ten minutes of boiling.) (3) Wash eating utensils with hot water, and soap. Scrub toilet seats. (4) Wash your hands often—always after you go to the bathroom, always before you eat. (5) Mother should promptly isolate any member of the family with diarrhea and call the doctor at once. Danger of contagion is greatest in the first few days.



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SCANDINAVIAN AIRLINES SYSTEM

CHRISTMAS POST DOWN THE AGES

How science and invention have affected
the romantic story of the Royal Mail

By A. V. ROXBURGH

THE giant plane roars down out of the darkness and comes to rest on the brilliantly lit runway of the great air terminal. From the offices and hangars come a swarm of officials and a fleet of red vans, and despite the chilly wind that sweeps across the vast expanse of the aerodrome, the great plane quickly disgorges its load. Piles of sealed mailbags are thrown out and loaded into the familiar red vans bearing the official sign of the G.P.O., and whisked off to the mighty sorting offices.

Another load of Christmas mail has arrived from some distant corner of the Empire, and within a very few hours of arriving, the letters, greeting cards and parcels will be delivered to their destinations, many of them having travelled thousands of miles in the matter of two or three days, instead of weeks, as was the case before the birth of the air age.

That brief picture is, actually, one of the last pages in our cavalcade of the Christmas mail, for the earlier chapters contain some very different pictures. We must realise, first of all, that the word "post" originated with the Romans, who ran a very effective courier service, and the points where these couriers changed horses were known as "posts".

PRIMITIVE

The courier service came to Britain a few hundred years ago, but it was a very primitive organisation compared with modern postal efficiency, although it must be remembered, also, that in those days, a very few people only wished to avail themselves of the postal service, such as it was. In any event, no one had heard of Christmas cards, and letter-writing was a little-known art.

There were no letter-boxes and no post offices, such as we know today. The postmen were known as "post-boys," and they were certainly not the busiest men in the land when Christmas dawned, as is the case with the modern postmen. In the days of Charles I, post-boys were operative only once a week. Oliver Cromwell, who introduced many innovations—although he did banish Christmas and all its festivities on one occasion!—certainly improved the postal services, but in the light of modern experience, they still read like fiction.

Here is a picture of those days. If you wanted to dispatch a greeting to a friend, you took your letter to a "postmaster," the man appointed by the State in each district to handle the mail. The letter was handed to a post-boy, who mounted his horse, or the small cart by means of which some

of the old-time "postmen" travelled, and off he went, taking one of the six main roads, which were about as roudnworthy as a modern country cart track.

Travelling at a speed of about five miles an hour, the post-boy jogged on his way from post to post, making frequent changes of mount. It was no joy-ride, however, for the main roads of those days were the haunt of robber gangs, who thought nothing of waylaying the post-boy, robbing him of whatever he was carrying—and often his Christmas packages contained money gifts—and leaving him at the roadside to nurse a cracked head and to think up a story to tell his master.

BANDITS

It must be admitted that the integrity of some of the post-boys was not exactly above reproach, and many were in league with the bandits who roamed the countryside looking for plunder. That was a far more lucrative occupation than being a post-boy, facing all manner of hardships and riding in all weathers for a few shillings a week!

In 1635, Thomas Witherings was authorised to reorganise the postal arrangements, and it must be admitted that he did a good job, cheapening the rates and speeding up delivery. He set up regular posts on the six main post-roads, and organised day and night posts, too, which meant that a letter could travel at least 120 miles in a day—still by means of post-boy, of course.

Christmas greetings sent to a friend in Edinburgh, for instance, would have taken about three days—and the post-boy could have brought you the reply six days after you had posted your own letter to him. Even so, Christmas mail was slow in those days, and you needed plenty of money to send greetings to all your friends.

MILESTONE

Thomas Witherings's charge for a single letter—which meant just one sheet, folded and sealed—was 2d. for under 80 miles; 4d. for up to 140 miles; and 6d. for any distance above that, in England. It did not pay to have too many friends in Scotland, for a letter to any place North of the Border cost 8d. and eight-pence in those days was quite a lot of money.

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Towards the end of the eighteenth century, the Christmas mail reached another important milestone. We find that John Palmer, a Bath theatre owner, lost so many letters in transit when carried by post-boys, that he started a mail coach service between Bath and London. By the way, the coach started each day from "The Swan With Two Necks." (What a lovely name for an inn!)

The new service was a great success and the postal authorities realised that the mail coach was a definite improvement on the post-boys. Within a short time, regular services were opened, and forty-two post routes were instituted. Every day, one of the sights of London was the convoy of sixteen mail coaches that left the head office of the G.P.O. at eight o'clock in the morning, en route for distant parts of the country. What a glorious sight it must have been!

Try to picture the scene, especially at the festive season. Coaches, each drawn by four horses, decorated with holly, the red-nosed, silk-hatted coachman blowing a noisy fanfare on his post-horn. How romantic, and how colourful was the postman of that day. He wore a scarlet coat, blue waistcoat and a silk hat with gold braid.

PLUNDER

But there was always danger for the mail coach and the mail coach, but although the railway chapter of the Christmas mail cavalcade is still incomplete, another chapter is now being first World War, regular air mail.

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PROGRESS

The time soon came when it was possible to post your greetings to friends many miles distant a day or so before Christmas with the assurance that nothing short of an earthquake would prevent their delivery on or before the Festive Day.

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Let us look at another picture—a true one.

It was Christmas Eve, around the beginning of the 19th century. The London mail coach, loaded with greetings and presents, had left Dumfries on the last stage of its long journey to Edinburgh. The four horses bravely headed into the blinding snow, but as night fell their progress was slowed to little more than a crawl, for the road was deep with treacherous drifts. Eventually, the coach was brought to halt. The coachman unharnessed the horses and rode off to seek shelter for them. Meanwhile, the postman aboard and the armed guard, prompted by the

HELICOPTERS

Your own local Christmas mail is not, as yet, carried by air mail, but yet another era is dawning—the age of the helicopter. The time is not far distant when, instead of seeing great stacks of mail being loaded and unloaded at the great railway termini at Christmas time, fleets of helicopters will serve the country.

Can you visualise the helicopter mail, hovering about the sky like huge red dragonflies, and dropping down on to the flat-topped roofs of the post offices? A dream of the future—but not too distant future, for herein lies the subject for the next, as yet unwritten, chapter in the cavalcade of the Christmas mail. (Copyright.)



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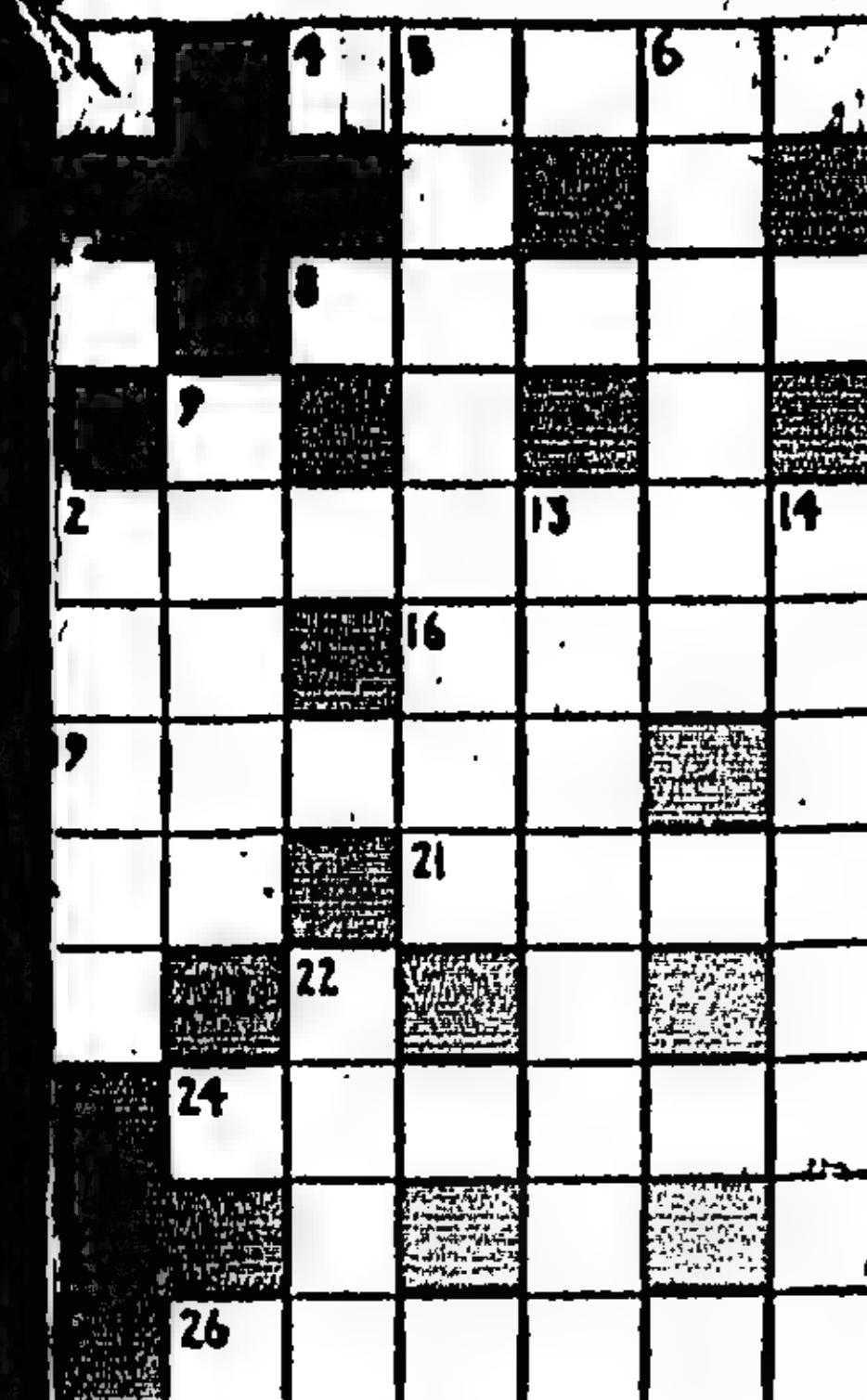
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3 Object of worship
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6 Save
9 Change direction
11 Attacked
12 Minor actor
13 Project
14 Seized quickly
18 Dig up
22 Commotion

D—Across: 3 Pampered, 8 Hubbub, 9 Oral, 13 Deter, 18 Siren, 10 Lark, 25 Sultry, 26 Disperse. Down: 1 Aabet, 5 Peer, 6 Rovere, 7 Diddle, 14 Placid, 17 Pranks, 20 23 Ness.

Archbishop." He plans to finish the story by the end of the year. It will run to 250,000 words.

• Beauty Note: Museum Press tell me they are publishing a novel, "Untamed," by American Helga Morris, and furthermore that Miss M. is good looking and sophisticated. We must wait till New Year to see how she writes.

When he went to Malaya, Major Jeffrey Lockett—tough, scarred and 35—left a manuscript behind. Admitted the major: "I'm more used to handling men than a pen." But, having served with the Chindits in Burma, the Arab Legion in Palestine, he felt he had a story to tell. He wants to learn whether publishers think that way too.

• Back they come. Civil servant Hugh Talbot who found fame in the summer of 1934 when his "Gay Pagan" won an Evening Standard Book-of-the-Month award, has written a new novel called "An Inch of Taper." Breaking 10 years' TV now the story is End Bagnold, whose "The Loved" and "Envied," appears in January.

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THE WALL, By John Hersey. Hamish Hamilton, 15s. 632 pages.

THIS novel is based on the Warsaw Ghetto and its people and how they resolved that death in hopeless battle was preferable to destruction in Hitler's gas-chambers.

STOLEN JOURNEY. By Oliver Philpot. Hodder and Stoughton. 15s. 412 pages.

WHEN "John" and "Peter," the two escapees of The Wooden Horse arrived in Sweden at the end of their astonishing journey, they found that "Flight-lieutenant Rowe" had arrived a week before.

"Rowe" was the third man in the escape tunnel which led out of Stalag Luft III through the sandy soil of Silesia to hope and, possibly, to freedom. The "Rowe" of The Wooden Horse is the author of Stolen Journey, which tells how Philpot, the third man reached Sweden.

With misguided but considerable ingenuity he has sought to make The Wall look as little like a novel and as much like a collection of historical documents as possible.

The Wall has to be studied, not read. But for the patient, the enduring, there emerges from so many words, so much learning, so much that seems trivial or irrelevant, a final image extraordinarily vivid.

An image of life still vigorous, human and dignified (although certainly not glamorised) at a level where there might well have been nothing left but animal outcries of fear and anguish.

* JOHN HERSEY, son of American missionaries in China, wrote A Bell for Adano and Hiroshima.

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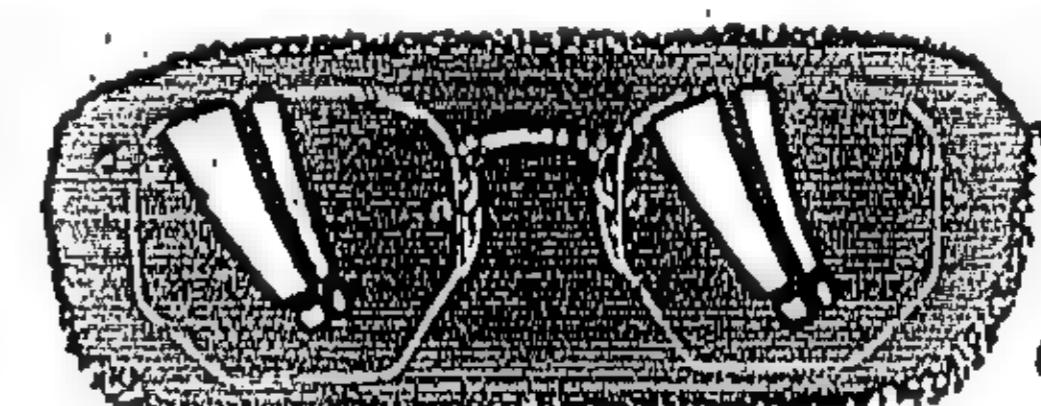


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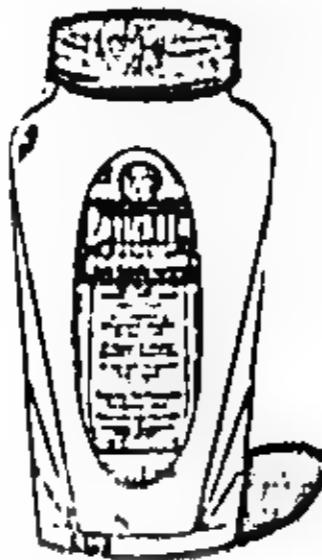


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THIRTEEN BOOKS FOR THE 25th

F. G. Prince-White picks some winners for Christmas reading

WHEN Christmas is just round the corner, and it's time to choose books as presents for schoolboys and girls who will all be expecting something "really super," I seem to hear them whispering: "What cheek for any grown-up person to decide what we'd like to read!"

But I flatter myself that, if they walked into the bookshop with me, they would plump for the very books I had thought of for them.

I am particularly happy about my choice of "The Children's Ship" (Barric, 12s. 6d.), compiled by Lady Cynthia Asquith. The title puzzled me at first, for there is nothing at all concerning ships in the book. After I had dipped well into it, however, I realised that it might with good reason have been called "The Children's Ship Comes Home," for it is loaded with silver and gold in the shape of stories and rhymes and sparkling accounts of the habits of birds and a variety of other attractive matters written by some very famous people.

Pigs In Clover

MISS NANCY PRICE would alone make the book a treasure with her memories of animals that have appeared on the stage with her. Of one of these, a piglet, she recalls:

"He used to nuzzle against me, squeaking with delight when I came into the theatre, and wag the whole of his little body; he would follow me about exactly like a dog, and lie on the rug by the stage door-keeper's feet and nibble his boots."

This little pig eventually went to a farm in Yorkshire, Miss Price stipulating that he should "never become bacon." She says he was "driven there in a Rolls-Royce and had a royal farewell, the whole company gathering round, very near to tears."

Another actor-piglet—in her production of "Alice in Wonderland"—was adopted by Lewis Carroll's grand-nieces. When he had grown to 400lb., they reported: "The only useful thing he does is to waddle leisurely about at charity fêtes enabling people to have sixpenny guesses at his weight."

Boys Want Facts

IT is not easy to choose books for boys in their teens; they are at a stage where fancy and

fact fight in their minds for supremacy, and fancy generally gets the worst of it. Luckily, more and more writers of juvenile fiction are now producing mystery and detective stories, and sea yarns and tales of adventure which indicate increased respect for the developing young intelligence. A good example of this new attitude is "The Poisoned Plot," by Captain A.O. Pollard, V.C. (Hutchinson, 6s.); and Captain W.E. Johns seems destined to be as enormously successful with "Gimlet" as with "Biggles." His latest narrative of the exploits of the resourceful Commando leader, in "Gimlet Bore's In" (Brockhampton Press, 6s.), is certain of being accepted with alacrity.

There is a spate of animal stories. I do not welcome all of them; too many of their authors fall into the error of making four-footed characters bewilderingly human. The best of them are boons and blessings, for they appeal strongly to girls as well as boys.

In this category I place "Great-Heart," the history of a shepherd dog that became a blind man's guide, by Joseph E. Chipperfield (Hutchinson, 6s. 6d.). It has first-rate black-and-white illustrations by C. Gifford Ambler.

Remarkable among the animal books is one by Jane Gaymer, who is only 16: "Brownie" (Hollis and Carter, 1s.), a sensitively written story about horses. The young author supplies her own illustrations, which are as astonishingly mature as her literary style.

A book that will get many a grown-up out of a quandary and bring sweet peace to many a home, has been written by G. Warren Schlotz, a former "animator" in Walt Disney's studios. Its title is "What Shall I Do?" (John Murray, 7s. 6d.), and it tells, with the aid of scores of photographs, how to make all manner of toys and games, and perform simple but very mystifying parlour-tricks.

If you want to make absolutely sure of quiet hours in the Christmas holiday you must add to this list the "Show Books" (Werner Laurie, 6s. each), fresh versions of that old delight, the cut-out "peepshow," which include a Christmas Crib scene and a Noah's Ark, and will I guarantee, engross the most restless child.

In A Few Lines...

"A Prince of the Willow," by E.R. Home-Gall (Hennell Locke, 6s.); story of a boy batsman who finally plays for England.

"Detectives by the Sea," by Jean Henson (Faber and Faber, 6s. 6d.); a well-written mystery thriller.

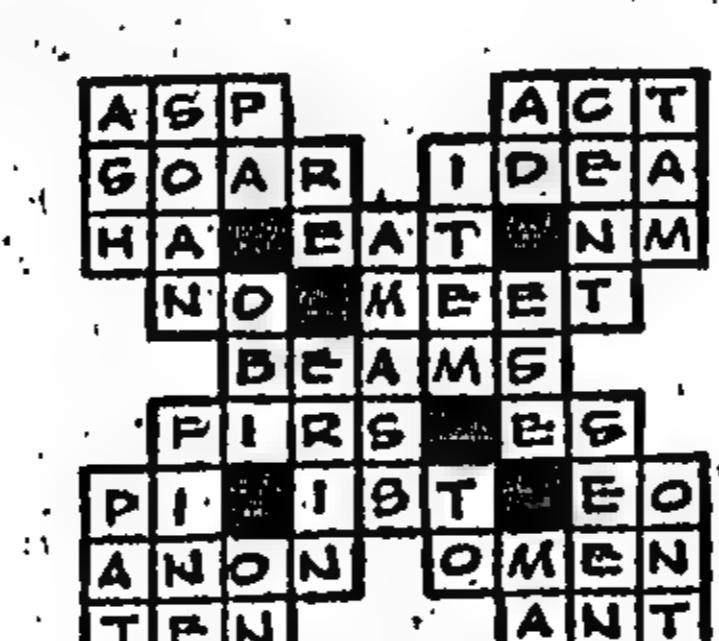
"Eudoria's Broomsticks," by Victor Knowland (Eyre and Spottiswoode, 7s. 6d.); very exciting tale about witches, with novel pictures.

"Adventure and Discovery Book" (Jonathan Cape, 12s. 6d.); a "safe buy" for any boy or girl.

"The Greenland Adventure," by George L. Proctor (Harrap, 7s. 6d.); four undergraduates on an expedition get thrillingly involved in international intrigue.

Puzzle Answers

CROSSWORD:



WORD CHAIN: MORNING, torn, tore, tare, dare, DAIRY.

POKES: 1 — Jason, Urimian (others are plants). 2—Joan of Arc. 3—Botany —Caterpillar becomes a butterfly. 4—"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," by Washington Irving.

D. MOND: P, SIR, SINES, TIDES, RIVER, SEA.

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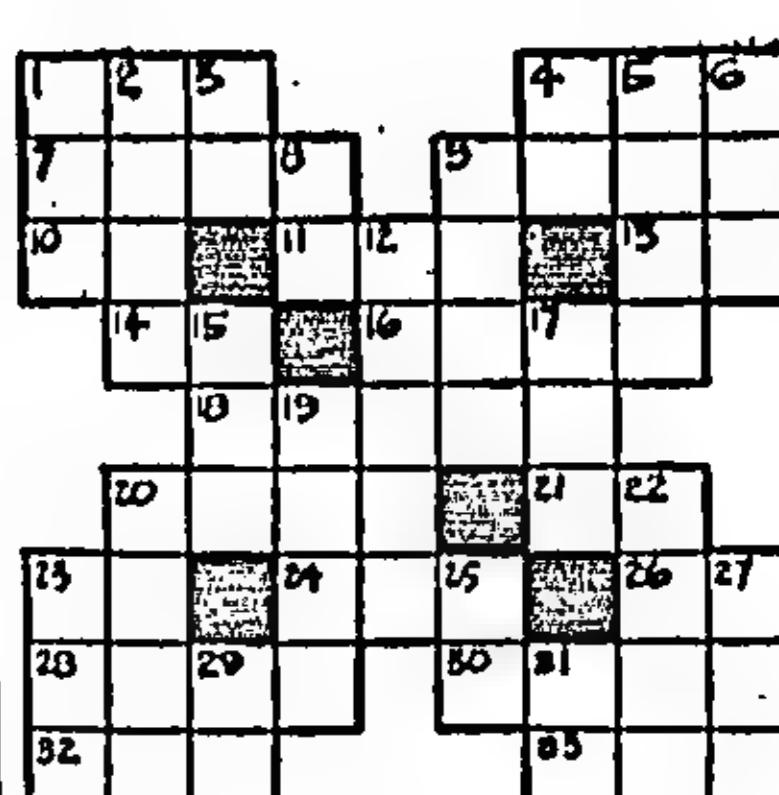


KANGAROOS ARE NOT POPULAR WITH AUSTRALIAN FARMERS, SINCE THEY COMPETE WITH DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK FOR GRASS AND OTHER CROPS...

BIGHORN SHEEP DON'T ALWAYS BATTLE BY CRASHING HORN TO HORN; THEY SOMETIMES STAND CLOSE AND STRIKE UPWARD BLOWS AT THE OPPONENT'S STOMACH....

PUZZLE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROBB

- 1 Cleopatra's snake
- 4 Deed
- 7 Wound mark
- 9 Notion
- 10 Laughter sound
- 11 Dine
- 13 New Mexico (ab.)
- 14 Negative reply
- 16 Encounter
- 18 Light rays
- 20 Evergreens
- 21 East Side (ab.)
- 23 Jumbled type
- 24 Davoee
- 26 Daybreak (comb. form)
- 28 Soon
- 30 Bad sign
- 32 Number
- 33 Social insect

DOWN

- 1 Residue
- 2 Look over
- 3 Parent
- 4 Paid notice in newspaper
- 5 Copper coin
- 6 Scottish cap
- 8 Musical note
- 9 Ledger entry
- 12 Collect
- 15 Oriental sash
- 17 Compass point
- 19 Ireland
- 20 Very nice
- 22 Observed
- 23 Light touch
- 25 Toward
- 27 Ontario (ab.)
- 29 Onward
- 31 Mother

WORD CHAIN

Change MORN to DARK in five moves, changing one letter at a time and having a good word each move.



King Nep used to be a famous king.

Then a big wave throws him high on it and he can't swim himself off.

"But you're not going to leave me there, King Nep!" said Hanid in alarm.

"Oh, no! I'll get him off. He's an enormous fellow, much, much bigger than an elephant. Nobody can lift him. But I'll get him off."

Thousand Miles

Knarf and Hanid both wondered how King Nep was going to do it. "The rock where he's stranded is a thousand miles away from here," King Nep was saying. "But I'll get him off. Hand me that little pebble, please," he said to Knarf.

Then King Nep did a strange thing. He took the little pebble and dropped it, plink, into the brook. The pebble made a little ripple. Knarf and Hanid watched the ripple as it swiftly flowed down the brook and disappeared around the bend.

"Well," said King Nep, smiling again, "that's Leviathan. He will soon be off that rock and in deep water where he can swim."

"But—but King Nep!" Knarf and Hanid both shouted. "How? How can that pebble—"

King Nep chuckled. "The pebble made a ripple. The ripple will get bigger and bigger as it goes down the brook—as it goes down the stream—as it goes down the river. When it reaches the ocean it will be a wave. The wave will go across the ocean, getting higher and stronger—higher and stronger and mightier—higher and stronger and mightier than the rock—greater than great Leviathan the Whale himself! It will lift him up. It will lift him up; it will lift him up as though he were a tiny cork and toss him far away into deep water where he can swim. Well, as I said before, that's that!" And King Nep walked away.

When Knarf and Hanid returned to the sea-shell again they heard only a happy voice saying: "Thank you . . . thank you for the wave, King Nep!"

Skull Was First

By DAN MURRAY

A THOUSAND years ago the British Isles were constantly being invaded by Danes, Norsemen, and Vikings. The English usually managed to beat the raiders off, but this fact led to football.

In the year 1042, a Danish band had just been driven off. Some English farmers were digging up a field, and turned up a long-buried skull. They called it a Dane's skull, and every man took a kick at it, just to get even." A few boys who were watching joined in the sport. Before anyone realised it, they had started a game, with two teams each trying to kick the skull to the opposite side of the field.

The game grew better when somebody thought of blowing up a cow's bladder and using that instead of digging up skulls. The new "ball" wasn't so gruesome, and it had more bounce. They still called the game: "Kicking the Dane's Head," and it was tremendously popular. Whole villages would play, each side trying to kick the ball across the market square. Every man and boy in the village played on the "team," so it was a merry free-for-all scramble.

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Popular as it was, the game was banned twice in England. Londoners playing on the streets made so much fuss that King Edward, II tried to abolish the game by law. Nobody paid much attention to the law, though. The players kept one step ahead of the king's sheriff, and went right on kicking and scuffling.

About the year 1200, John ball was

Rupert's Autumn Primrose



In great excitement, Rupert asks what his prize is, and the Gipsy points to a large china jug of curious shape. "There it is," she says. "You can put big flowers in the top, and small flowers in the base, and when it's dry, paint it whatever colour you like."

With a great shout of "Thank you!" Rupert dashes off.



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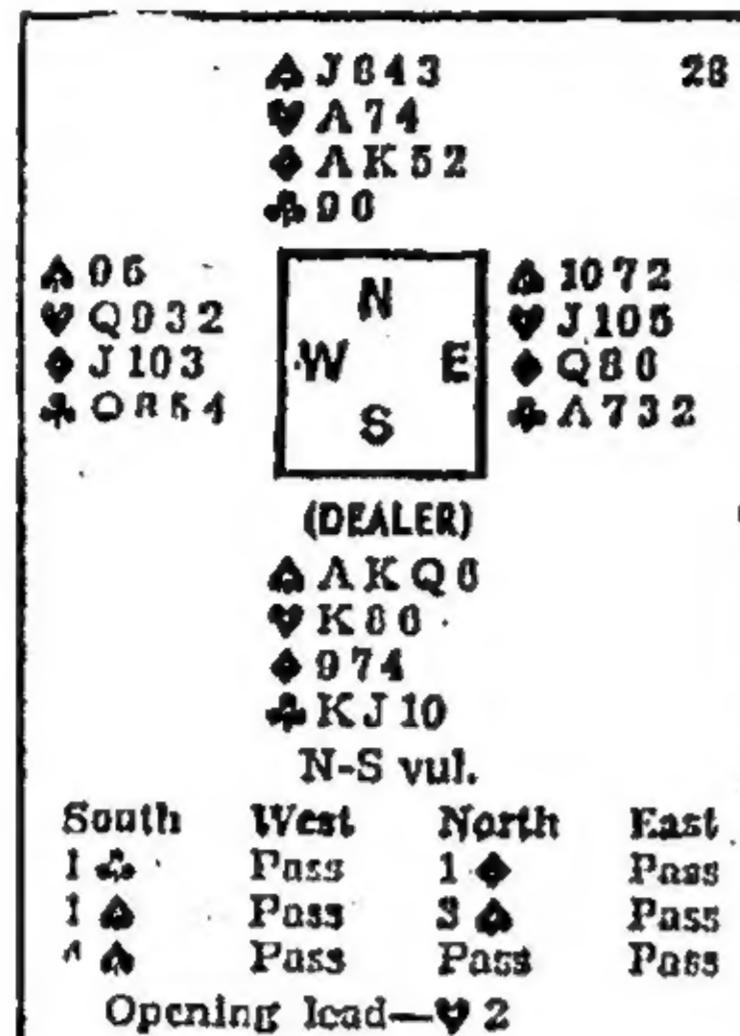
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By Frank Robbins

O JACOBY
ON BRIDGEHere's A Lesson In
Percentage Play

YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

If you are born on the first day of the incoming sign, Capricorn, you are ruled by Saturn, the God of Time. In addition, you have many of the characteristics of the outgoing sign, Sagittarius—an especially strong combination of forces. Added to the wisdom of a sage, counsellor and philosopher, you also have the tact of an ambassador of good will and the kindness of a spiritual leader.

Inclined to be overly honest, you are not as self-assertive as you might be. Consequently, you may not reach the success and fame which should be yours. If you will learn to be a little more aggressive, practical and use your business and executive ability to its fullest extent, you will reap a good harvest of returns. Your imagination is exceptionally

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This is a good day for clearing up all misunderstandings. Patch up an old quarrel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Try to make this a quiet day of rest. You will enjoy tomorrow better if you do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Good judgment instead of emotions should rule this day. Be on your guard.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Give others a chance. Explain your side of a question; then listen before making up your mind.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May. 21)—

BY OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE settle a question of percentages," requests a Brooklyn reader. "When this hand was played, South won the opening lead with the king of hearts. He drew three rounds of trumps, ending in dummy, and tried the club finesse.

This lost to West's queen, and another heart knocked out dummy's ace. When East took the ace of clubs, he cashed a heart trick. Then declarer cashed his last trump and waited for a diamond trick.

"After the contract had been set, everybody joined in a discussion of the play," continues the reader. "North said that declarer should have led out three rounds of diamonds after drawing trumps. Then, if diamonds broke 3-3, they did not lose. South could get one of his losing heart on dummy's last diamond."

"South said that a diamond break of 3-3 was expected, but declarer cashed his last trump and waited for a club finesse?"

The reader is right about the percentage. South was absolutely correct, but North was wrong. The club finesse was more likely to succeed than the diamond break, but it was nevertheless better to try for the latter.

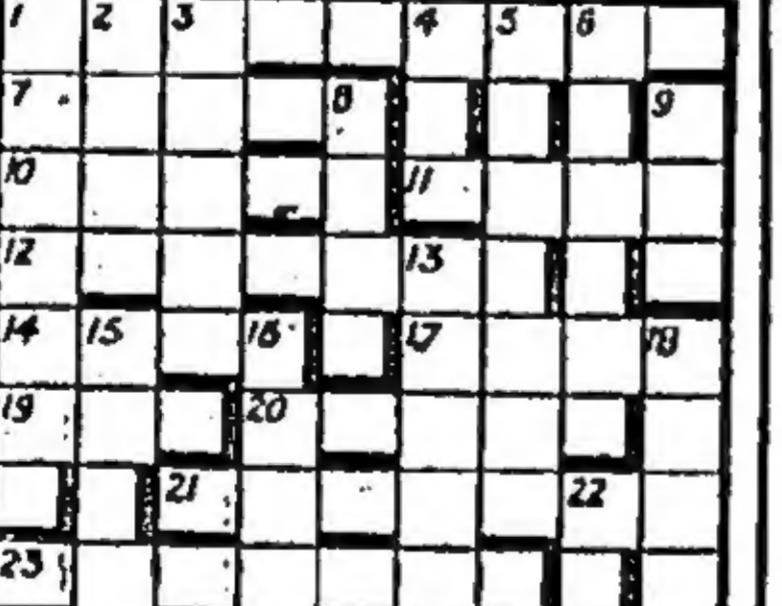
The reason is that the contract is set automatically if South goes after the clubs and loses to the queen. However, if South tries out the diamonds and finds that they do not break he can still fall back on the clubs.

For example, suppose South wins the first trick with the king of hearts, draws three rounds of trumps and then gives up a diamond trick at once. Osborne returns a heart (best defense), knocking out dummy's top diamonds to see if the suit breaks. If diamonds break, the last diamond is cashed, and South draws his last heart. This is the easiest, even if two clubs are lost.

If the diamonds do not break, the contract is far from set. Declarer must lead a club from dummy. South must then decide whether to play the king or the jack. He doesn't need two club tricks; he simply has to cash his first or second trick in the suit. If South is a good player, he should have somewhat better than a 50 percent chance to make the correct play in this situation.

In short, there is no need for declarer to choose either the diamonds or the clubs as his best chance to beat the break. It can be done only by trying the diamonds first.

CROSSWORD



CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—There is work to be done. Concentrate on it if you want good results. Don't keep on celebrating!

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Emotions should be held in check.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Good luck to you.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Make this day count for something important. New evidence on your part may help you to change your mind.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—This is a day for spiritual reconsideration. Don't neglect devotional duties. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—

you will become a "jack of all trades."

You have a keen sense of analysis and can often, at sight, reduce a proposition to its simplest form.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Think things out carefully before you act today. Seek the counsel of an older person if you are confused.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Some last-minute changes may cause confusion unless you are collected and calm. Retain your full attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Don't get into an argument. Matters at home will probably demand your full attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Confidence will help in last-minute preparations. Don't be hasty.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Don't make up your mind hastily if there is time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Don't let a disagreement grow into a quarrel of mutual estrangement. You can prevent it.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Don't let your pride get in the way of your promise.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—There is a new and interesting friend in the offing. Go after him.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Be a new and interesting friend in the offing. Don't be timid. It can bring pleasure.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Be a good friend to others for giving you a happy day. Guard against getting overfilled, however.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Don't be afraid when it comes to matters of business. Caution is indicated in important affairs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—Be thoughtful. Don't neglect family obligations. Go to church in favor of other friendships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—This is the children's day. See that they all have a happy Christmas. Don't overindulge.

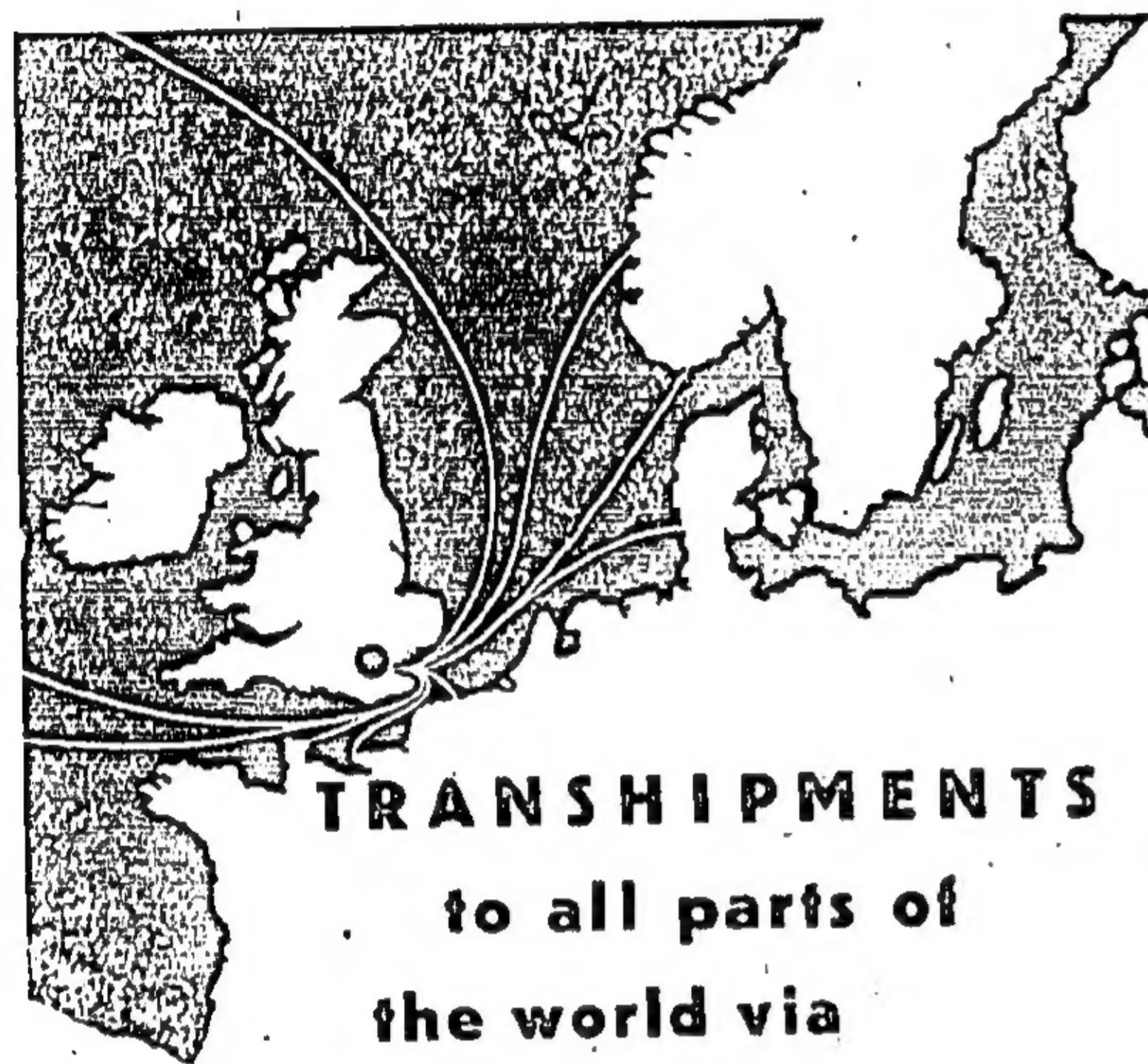
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Through Tickets (10 Races — \$20.00) may be obtained at the Compradore Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 28th February, 1951.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 30th December, will be sold and the reservations cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THE 1951 RACING SEASON UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1951. 1950 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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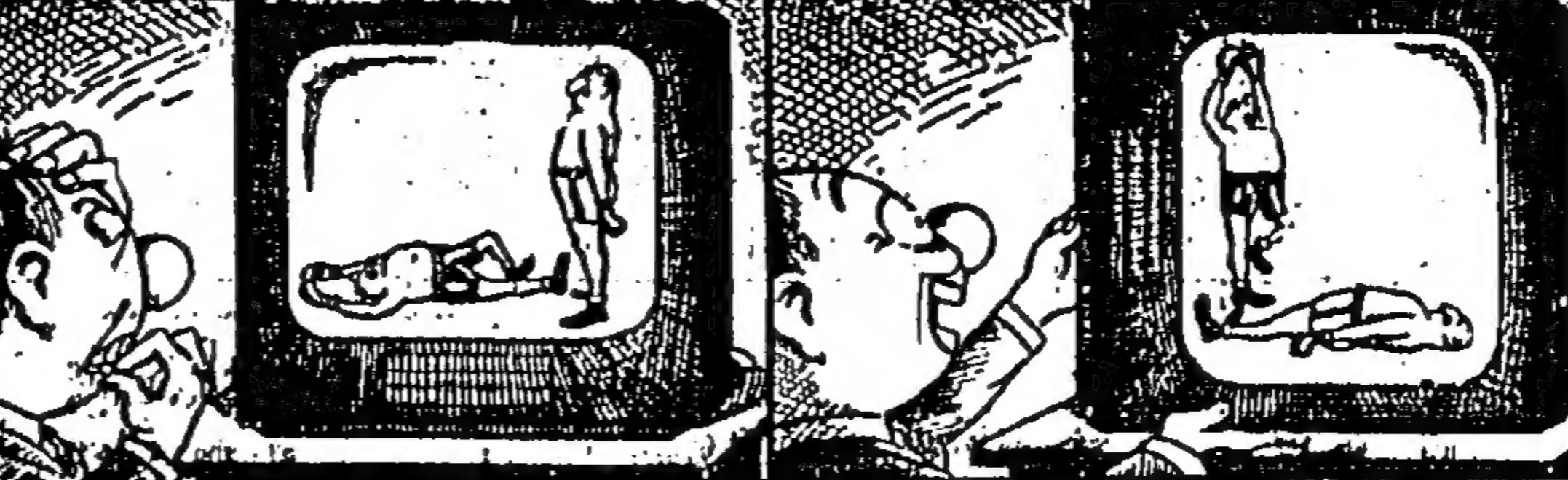
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For instance, I've never seen a dull Grand National, and once again, I came away from the Variety Rugger match with the feeling that although we have only a handful of male world champions in non-mechanised sports (and one of those is suspended), there is nothing very wrong with the spirit of British and Empire Rugby players.

The match itself was not very exciting—no contest can be when one side is so manifestly superior at all points.

But the determination of winners and losers alike was as warming as the jigger of rum which the prudent had in their tea at half-time.

Particularly I liked the performance of Oxford's W. J. Hefer—a great bullock of a man. The robust Mr Hefer comes to us from South Africa and gives the impression that he could form a scrum all on his own. But the Cambridge boys are in no need of cotton-wool—or police protection. And here's the magnificent side of it. Instead of appeals to the referee or the agonised contortions on the ground which make certain Soccer players figures of fun (except that it isn't really funny), some of the opposition forwards decided to use a little private enterprise.

NUTTY ALE
Certainly I saw Mr Hefer receive at least one left hook, and, what is more, Mr Hefer, who had the ball at the time, continued to run straight through the punch and the opposition. Please don't get me wrong. I am not advocating viciousness or suggesting that football should be replaced by fist fighting. But Rugger is a man's game, and anyone who has ever sweated in a pack knows that there comes a moment when a man must fight or bust—Dr Edith Summerskill notwithstanding. And good forwards don't bust.

Moreover, the superb thing about the game is that the fury which can blaze up on the field leaves no rancour, and if Mr Hefer and his "assailant" didn't pledge each other after the match in stous of nutty ale—then things have changed very radically in Rugger. (London Express Service)

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In an article in the Straits Times Annual, in which he recalls some of the great players and matches of the past, Mr Lee Siew—yes, Malayan sports correspondent writes:

"I remember two young players who developed a new style of play in 1936 which was to represent a major turning point in Malayan badminton."

Their names were not, as might be expected, Wong Peng-soon and Ooi Tek-hock, or Tan Cheng-phor and A. S. Samuel. But Hefer and Teh Gin-huat, two relatively unknown players which included as many as 78 in the ladies' singles and 120 in boys' singles! But there were only 18 pairs in the mixed doubles. The American occupation of the country has been mentioned as a factor in the growing popularity of the sport in Japan.

Great strides in the game have also been made in South Africa. The second South African Championship played in August produced two triple champions in Ken Braam and Miss Florrie McKenzie. So great is the development there that big halls to accommodate between 3,000 and 4,000 spectators are now in course of erection in both Cape Town and Johannesburg. The South Africans have invited the Danish team to tour the Union in July and August 1951 and they themselves will tour Europe in 1951-1952.

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He is, in short, the backbone of golf; it may be confidently predicted that his indignation on learning that his handicap must go up—not through a ruling of his own committee but the edict of County—will consist of two men's singles, one ladies' singles, four men's doubles (between two pairs), four ladies' doubles (between two pairs) and four mixed doubles (between four pairs).

It remains only to discover how deep-seated this indignation will prove. The secretary of the English Golf Union, the daimler Major A. W. Lawrence says: "We're not afraid. The returns are coming in with scarcely a disturbing note. As far as club members, my opinion is that they'll curse us up hill and down for a week or two and then discover what a good idea the new scheme is."

The strange thing is that the Major is, I believe, right. Andironically enough he may thank for this the shade of Colonel Bogey.

The Colonel was in addition to his other virtues an eminently reasonable man. It requires practically no imagination to see him lifting (simultaneously) over a thousand locker-rooms, murmuring "After all, it's for the good of the game."

THEY WILL PROTEST
It is true also that a nationwide tightening-up of handicaps will enable selectors and committees to find more easily golfers who really are good enough for international matches and championships.

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The Christmas Holidays

Owing to the Christmas holidays there will be no publication of the China Mail until next Wednesday. The China Mail will on that day be published early and will be on the streets before noon.

The Hongkong Telegraph will not resume publication until next Thursday.

There will be a South China Morning Post on Monday, but no further publication of that paper until Thursday.

Mail Notices

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
Closing Times By Air

Formosa, 3 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.
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Australia & New Zealand, 3 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.
France (parcels only), 3 p.m.

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Closing Times By Air

Philippines & B.N. Borneo, 3 p.m.
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Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Australia & New Zealand, 5 p.m. & Persian Gulf Ports, 5 p.m.

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Formosa, 5 a.m.
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Philippines, 9 a.m.
Siam, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
Closing Times By Air

Formosa, 10 a.m.
U.S.A. & Canada, Noon.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Australia & New Zealand, India, Pakistan & Persian Gulf Ports, Noon.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26
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Japan & Korea, Noon.
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Siam, Noon.
Malaya & Indonesia, Noon.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

It is at once obvious that the 10 letters used are the letters of the word LOGARITHMS. What appears to be the inference to be drawn. The note should be read as follows:

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"Well, Horace, you're to be sacrificed on Christmas for a bunch of relatives, but I'll have to listen to their dinner table chatter!"

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Getting Ready The Christmas Cheer



Christmas is near and both the children and nurses at an English residential nursery school are all ready for it. Chief occupation has been the mixing of puddings and naturally all the kiddies wanted to take a turn at stirring. Five-year-old Glynne, with Cook's help, makes the traditional wish as she does so.—London Express Service.

Army XV Could Win Rugger Tournament

Says "AXIOM"

Today's rugger matches round off the first half of the Pentangular Tournament with the Club being the only undefeated fifteen, but unless they show considerable improvement I fancy the Army fifteen as the ultimate winners.

If the Navy had managed to retain the services of their star players the result would in all probability have remained in doubt until the "no side" of the last match.

The RAF and Club commence today's proceedings and with the airmen on the upgrade this match promises to be much more interesting than previous encounters between these fifteen.

HARD HIT

The civilians have been hard hit through injuries and are holding an almost reorganised back division, Stewart and Layton are both unfit, the former having been injured during a mid-week game.

WILL HAVE TO FIGHT

The Club's policy here seems to be somewhat unwise in allowing their key men to take part in friendlies as the decisive stage in the tournament draws near.

By far the most interesting feature of the line-up is the re-

turn of De Rome and Hutson. Their inclusion should do much to make up for the punch which has been missing in recent weeks. J. Henderson and D. Lochian have been switched in what appears to be an experimental move.

F/O Hodgkinson leads a much fiercer side today and, providing the pack can hold their opposites as well as they held the heavy Police eight, the outsiders should manage to cope with Nolan and company.

It depends, too, on Nkruma, who alone of the 25 followers still in goal, will not be freed before polling day.

According to himself, 41-year-old Nkruma is a non-Communist, non-smoker, non-vegetarian. He was a professor of Negro history in the United States, and a London School of Economics student-revolutionary.

As he hears his campaigners marching by and singing "Kwame Nkruma is behind the prison bars, but his soul goes marching on," the prisoners sing back a new party anthem: "There is victory for us."

The degree of victory depends on the race now underway. It is a race to educate the Africans to make good use of the vote.

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